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MINUTES.

COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, *May* 21, 1874.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, according to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church at Columbus, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator of the last Assembly, the Rev. Henry M. Smith, D. D., on Isaiah xliii. 12, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God."

After the close of public worship, the General Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Permanent Clerk reported that the following commissioners had been enrolled as members of this Assembly, viz.:

I.—SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
1. *East Alabama*,	J. L. Reed,	W. M. Stakley.
2. *South Alabama*,	H. R. Raymond,	C. W. Lovelace.
3. *Tuskaloosa*,	J. Simpson Frierson.	

II.—SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

4. *Arkansas*,	Isaac J. Long,	A. W. Dinsmore.
5. *Indian*,		
6. *Ouachita*,	A. L. Crawford,	B. M. Smith, (2)

III.—SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

7. *Atlanta*,	L. H. Wilson,	W. P. Hemphill.
8. *Augusta*,	H. Newton.	
9. *Cherokee*,	A. W. Gaston.	W. L. Whitman.
10. *Florida*,	W. J. McCormick,	E. J. Vann.
11. *Macon*,	G. W. Maxson,	G. M. Stokes.
12. *Savannah*,	H. F. Hoyt.	James F. King.

NOTE.—The figures annexed to the names of some of the members indicate the day on which they took their seats. The members from the Synod of Missouri are reported as enrolled from the first, though they were not actually admitted till shortly after.

IV.—SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

13.	*Central Ohio*,	S. F. Hunter.	
14.	*Ebenezer*,	C. H. Dobbs.	
15.	*Louisville*,	P. P. Flournoy,	A. Davidson.
		J. D. Matthews, D. D.	J. W. Robb.
16.	*Muhlenburg*,	R. K. Smoot,	Geo. M. Edgar.
17.	*Paducah*,	D. O. Davies,	M. H. Carson.
18.	*Transylvania*,	R. L. Breck.	C. H. Rochester.
19.	*West Lexington*,	Wm. Dinwiddie,	J. Q. Ward.
20.	*Hanchow*,	J. L. Stuart.	

V.—SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

21.	*Chickasaw*,	J. S. Kimmons,	P. H. McCutchen.
22.	*Memphis*,	E. M. Richardson,	James Fentress. (2)
23.	*North Mississippi*,	Geo. P. Richardson, (2)	Y. Wiley.
24.	*Tuscumbia*,	J. B. Lorance,	John C. Baker.
25.	*Western District*,	J. E. Bright, D. D.	C. F. Read, (2)

VI.—SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

26.	*Central Mississippi*,	A. L. Kline, D. D.,	George A. Hogsett.
27.	*Louisiana*,	R. S. McAlister.	
28.	*Mississippi*,	J. B. Stratton, D. D.	
29.	*New Orleans*,	H. M. Smith, D. D.,	Frederick Stringer.
30.	*Red River*,	D. A. Campbell.	
31.	*Tombeckbee*,	S. J. Bingham, (2)	R. R. Spann.

VII.—SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

32.	*Lafayette*,	John L. Yantis, D. D.,	J. M. Keith.
33.	*Missouri*,	W. W. Robertson, (2)	Isaac Tate, (2)
34.	*Palmyra*,	L. P. Bowen,	A. Wayland.
35.	*Potosi*,	T. Carr Barret,	E. Virgil Conway.
36.	*Saint Louis*,	R. P. Farris, D. D.,	David H. Bishop.
37.	*Upper Missouri*,	J. M. Scott.	

VIII.—SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

38.	*Holston*,	George A. Caldwell,	W. P. Brewer.
39.	*Knoxville*,	H. T. Morton,	R. I. Wilson.
40.	*Nashville*,	J. W. Hoyte,	D. N. Kennedy.
41.	*North Alabama*,	J. Stephenson Frierson.	A. A. Dickerson.

IX.—SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

42.	*Concord*,	B. L. Beall,	J. H. Hill.
43.	*Fayetteville*,	A. N. Ferguson,	John McAllister, (4)
44.	*Mecklenburg*,	D. McN. Turner, D. D.	Wm. H. Michal.
45.	*Orange*,	P. H. Dalton,	John A. Womack.
			J. I. Scales.
46.	*Wilmington*,	T. C. Johnson,	C. H. Robinson.

X.—SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

47.	*Bethel*,	J. E. White,	T. G. Culp.
48.	*Charleston*,	J. L. Girardeau, D. D.	
49.	*Harmony*,	W. S. Plumer. D. D.	James D. Blanding.
		N. W. Edmunds,	Joseph T. Walsh.
50.	*South Carolina*,	J. O. Lindsay,	J. Wistar Simpson.
			J. H. Evins.

XI.—SYNOD OF TEXAS.

51.	*Brazos*,	S. M. Luckett.	L. D. Stockton.
52.	*Central Texas*,	Hillery Moseley,	P. McCammon.
53.	*Eastern Texas*,	W. K. Marshall, D. D.	Geo. W. Ewell.
54.	*Western Texas*,	Wm. Hall,	A. H. Phillips.

XII.—SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

55.	*Abingdon*,		Robert Keys, (2)
56.	*Chesapeake*,	R. L. McMurran,	James Nicols, (2)
		A. W. Pitzer,	Gustavus Ober, (2)
57.	*East Hanover*,	T.D.Witherspoon,D.D.,	Chas. F. Collier.
		W. A. Campbell,	
58.	*Greenbrier*,	James Haynes,	Wm. McCreery.
59.	*Lexington*,	J. W. Pratt, D. D.,	A. H. McClintick.
		J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.,	Joseph A. Waddell.
60.	*Montgomery*,	Wm. T. Hall,	John Merritt.
61.	*Roanoke*,	H. C. Alexander, D. D.,	R. H. Watkins.
62.	*Sao Paulo*,		
63.	*West Hanover*,	B. M. Smith, D. D.,	R. M. Brown, (3)
64.	*Winchester*,	Jno. A. Scott,	J. H. Cather.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. J. L. Cooper (3), from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Abel T. Stuart, from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Stated Clerk reported that the following delegates from Presbyteries belonging to the Old School Synod of Missouri had presented regular commissions with a view to being connected with this body as constituent parts thereof, viz: from the Presbytery of Lafayette, Rev. J. L. Yantis, D. D., J. M. Keith, elder; Presbytery of Palmyra, Rev. L. P. Bowen, A. Wayland, elder; Presbytery of Potosi, Rev. T. Carr Barret, E. Virgil Conway, elder; Presbytery of St. Louis, Rev. R. P. Farris, D. D., David H. Bishop, elder; Presbytery of Upper Missouri, Rev. J. M. Scott. Whereupon the following resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Plumer, was adopted unanimously, the Assembly rising when the vote was taken:

Resolved, That it is with peculiar pleasure we welcome among us our brethren from the Synod of Missouri, and that we congratulate them and the churches they represent, and our entire communion on the happy consummation of our re-union, to which the providence of God has long pointed, and for which the Lord has fully and happily opened the way.

Resolved, That all the Commissioners now present from Presbyteries in the Synod of Missouri, be at once enrolled as members of this body, and that without further action the names of other Commissioners from the Synod of Missouri, shall in like manner be enrolled when they shall present their commissions.

The Moderator then addressed the delegates from Missouri, extending to them a most hearty welcome to seats in this body,

and a home in the Southern Presbyterian Church. To this address the Rev. Dr. Yantis made an appropriate response.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D., of the Presbytery of Charleston, was chosen to that office. The Rev. R P. Farris, D. D., of the Presbytery of St. Louis, was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Rev. Dr. Plumer was appointed to report to the Assembly a suitable arrangement for its times of meeting and adjournment.

A recess was taken, to meet at half-past three o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ *o'clock.*

The Assembly met. Upon report of the Committee appointed on that subject, it was resolved that, until otherwise ordered, the Assembly shall meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., take a recess at 12½ o'clock, P. M., resume business at 3½ o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at 5½ o'clock, P. M.; and that the last thirty minutes of each day's session be spent in devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator, or some one designated by him.

The report of the Committee appointed by the last Assembly to confer with a Committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church, was presented by the Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D. The diligence of the Committee was approved, and on motion of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Smith, the report was referred to a Committee, to consist of one member appointed from each Synod in the Church.

The Rev. Dr. Plumer presented a circular signed by a number of Presbyterian ministers of different denominations, concerning a proposed general Presbyterian organization for certain purposes. It was ordered that a paper of similar character, officially transmitted to the Stated Clerk, should be also laid before the Assembly.

Upon motion of the Rev. Dr. Pratt, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Presbytery be, and is hereby, organized in China, to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Hanchow, to consist of the Rev. Messrs. M. H. Houston. Ben. Helm, John L. Stuart, H. C. Dubose, John W. Davis, and Ruling Elder Chew-Sien-Sen; that said Presbytery be attached to the Synod of Kentucky; that its first meeting shall be held in Hanchow, on the first Thursday of November, 1874, at 11 o'clock, A. M. to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. M. H. Houston, or, in case of his absence, by the oldest minister present.

It was also resolved that Rev. John L. Stuart, a member of said Presbytery, and now present, be admitted by courtesy to a seat in this body.

The Annual Report from the Executive Committee of Susten-

tation was read by Rev. Richard McIlwaine, one of the Secretaries, which was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock; closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick.

FRIDAY MORNING, *May* 21—9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional commissioners were reported, viz: Rev. G. P. Richardson, from the Presbytery of North Mississippi; C. F. Read, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Western District; Rev. W. W. Robertson and Ruling Elder Isaac Tate, from the Presbytery of Missouri; Robert Keys, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Abingdon; James Nicols, and Gustavus Ober, ruling elders from the Presbytery of Chesapeake.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES.—H. H. Smith, D. D., J. D. Matthews, D. D., T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., J. E. Bright, D. D., J. Stephenson Frierson, Isaac J. Long, C. H. Robinson, D. N. Kennedy, E. J. Vann, George M. Edgar, J. T. Walsh, G. P. Richardson, W. W. Robertson.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—W. S. Plumer, D. D., John A. Scott, Wm. Hall, J. Simpson Frierson, H. Newton, C. W. Lovelace, G. M. Stokes, M. H. Carson, G. A. Hogsett.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.—J. W. Pratt, D. D., Wm. Dinwiddie, L. H. Wilson, R. P. Farris, D.D., G. A. Caldwell, J. W. Robb, A. H. Phillips, J. A. Waddell, J. M. Keith.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. B. Stratton, D. D., J. L. Reed, A. L. Crawford, A. W. Gaston, D. O. Davies, John L. Stuart, R. L. McMurran, P. H. McCutchen, R. R. Spann, W. P. Brewer.

SUSTENTATION.—B. M. Smith, D. D., H. T. Morton, B. L. Beall, J. E. White, H. Mosely, John Merritt, G. W. Ewell, J. A. Womack, A. Wayland, C. F. Read, J. W. Simpson.

PUBLICATION.—R. L. Breck, G. W. Maxson, S. F. Hunter, J. A. Kimmons, R. S. McAlister, E. Virgil Conway, R. J. Wilson, J. I. Scales, T. G. Culp, S. J. Bingham, W. T. Hall.

EDUCATION.—J. L. Yantis, D. D., E. M. Richardson, P. P. Flournoy, H. F. Hoyt, J. H. Evins, C. F. Collier, L. B. Stockton, Y. Wiley, Isaac Tate, J. McAllister.

EVANGELISTIC LABOUR.—W. K. Marshall, D. D., A. W. Pitzer, S. M. Luckett, Ro. Keys, N. W. Edmonds, R. H. Watkins, P. McCammon, J. Q. Ward, J. H. Cather.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.—R. K. Smoot, J. B. Lorance, J. W. Hoyte, P. H. Dalton, C. H. Dobbs, T. Carr Barret, A. W. Dinsmore, James Nicols, R. M. Brown.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., J. O. Lindsay, H. C. Alexander, D. D., R. P. Farris, D. D., R. L. Breck, A. Davidson, J. D. Blanding, E. J. Vann, R. J. Wilson, D. H. Bishop, L. H. Wilson, J. W. Hoyte, D. McNeill Turner, D. D., J. I. Scales, J. Fentress, G. P. Richardson, A. L. Kline, D. D., G. A. Hogsett, B. M. Smith, (Ark.)

A. L. Crawford, H. Moseley, L. D. Stockton, H. R. Raymond, C. W. Lovelace.

NARRATIVE.—D. McNeill Turner, D. D., J. Haynes, A. H. McClintick, W. H. Michal.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—H. R. Raymond, W. A. Campbell, T. C. Johnson, J. M. Scott, Wm. McCreery, W. L. Whitman, W. M. Stakley, Gustavus Ober, J. F. King.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—W. J. McCormick, A. N. Ferguson, C. H. Rochester.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—A. L. Kline, D. D., R. K. Smoot.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—D. H. Bishop, A. Davidson, F. Stringer.

SYNODICAL RECORDS.

ALABAMA.—I. J. Long, A. L. Crawford.
ARKANSAS.—J. L. Reed, C. W. Lovelace.
GEORGIA.—S. F. Hunter, M. H. Carson.
KENTUCKY.—A. W. Gaston, G. W. Maxson.
MEMPHIS.—R. S. McAlister, D. A. Campbell.
MISSISSIPPI.—J. K. Kimmons, E. M. Richardson.
MISSOURI.—J. W. Hoyte, H. T. Morton.
NASHVILLE.—L. P. Bowen, D. H. Bishop.
NORTH CAROLINA.—J. O. Lindsay, J. T. Walsh.
SOUTH CAROLINA.—A. N. Ferguson, J. H. Hill.
TEXAS.—W. A. Campbell, A. H. McClintick.
VIRGINIA.—H. Mosely, W. Hall.

Overtures on various subjects were presented and referred to the appropriate Standing Committees. Among these were overtures from some of the Presbyteries touching the relations between this General Assembly and the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church. A paper relating to the same subject was officially communicated from the Stated Clerk of the Northern General Assembly. These papers were referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which it was ordered should be enlarged by the Moderator so as to contain two members from each Synod.

The Annual Report from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read by the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., one of the Secretaries, followed by an address to the Assembly on that subject. The Report was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. S. J. Bingham, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, was reported, and his name was enrolled.

A satisfactory report was received from the Rev. J. W. Pugh, assigning reasons for failing to attend, as a corresponding delegate appointed by the last Assembly, the meeting of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. And the Rev. Isaac J. Long made a verbal statement of the reason for his failing to attend the meeting of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, which was approved.

The Trustees of the General Assembly presented their Annual Report. The financial part of this report was referred to the

Auditing Committee, and so much as requires the more direct action of this body was placed on the docket.

After spending a time in devotional exercises the Assembly took a recess till half-past three o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—3½ *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and the Moderator announced the following names to be added to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz: D. H. Bishop, L. H. Wilson, J. W. Hoyte, D. McNeill Turner, D. D., J. I. Scales, J. Fentress, G. P. Richardson, A. L. Kline, D. D., G. A. Hogsett, B. M. Smith, (Ark.) A. L. Crawford, H. Moseley, L. D. Stockton, H. R. Raymond, C. W. Lovelace.

The subject of a General Presbyterian Council, presented yesterday, was taken up, and the paper addressed to the Assembly through the Stated Clerk was read, which, together with a copy of a printed circular on the same subject presented through Rev. Dr. Plumer, was referred to a committee, to be appointed by the Moderator.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary was presented and read. The reports of the Directors and Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina, were also presented and read.

The reports of the Treasurer and of the Librarian, and the minutes of the Faculty, were also presented. All these papers were referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The place for the next meeting of the Assembly having been taken up, it was unanimously appointed to be held in the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, in the city of St. Louis, Missouri.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Yantis.

SATURDAY MORNING, *May* 23—9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Marshall. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred certain papers relating to a General Presbyterian Council was appointed, to consist of Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., H. M. Smith, D. D., J. B. Stratton, D. D., D. H. Bishop, and C. F. Collier.

The presence of the Rev. J. L. Cooper was announced, as a delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and it was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock to hear his address to this body.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Committee of Arrangements for their courtesy and kindness at the Sabbath School festival yesterday.

Mr. R. M. Brown, Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of West Hanover, was reported as present, and his name enrolled.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, which was adopted, and is as follows:

OVERTURE No. 1.—The Synod of Alabama asks that its meeting in November, 1873, be legalized, said Synod having been unable to meet at the regular time on account of the prevalence of the yellow fever.

We recommend that the request be granted.

They also reported Overture No. 2, which was adopted, and is as follows:

OVERTURE No. 2.—The Presbytery of Augusta asks the Assembly to take steps to strike from the Constitution Section 4 of Chapter 10, of the Form of Government.

ANSWER.—In certain cases, inconveniences may arise from the operation of said rule, but in view of the more serious difficulties which would follow its abrogation, the Assembly declines the request.

They reported also Overture No. 3, which is as follows:

OVERTURE No. 3, from the Presbytery of Augusta, complains of the defectiveness of the present system of ministerial training, and requests the appointment of a committee to make provision for certain specific changes.

ANSWER.—While it is the sense of the Assembly that our present system of theological education may be susceptible of improvement, it is not judged necessary or expedient to take such action as is called for in the Overture.

Pending the discussion of this paper, the time for devotional exercises arrived. At the close of these services, a recess was taken till 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—3 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, when the unfinished business was postponed, to hear the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Publication. This report was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., and together with the Book of Records of the Committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, except so much as related to Sabbath Schools, which was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject. The Treasurer's Report, together with his books and vouchers, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Stated Clerk announced that a telegram had been received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which was read, and is as follows:

ST. LOUIS, MAY 23, 1874.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, to the General Assembly of the

Presbyterian Church in the United States, now in session at Columbus, Mississippi, sendeth greetings:

Serving the same Lord, we are one in Him. May He dwell with us.

Your brethren in Christ,

S. J. WILSON, *Moderator.*
EDWIN S. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*
CYRUS DICKSON, *Permanent Clerk.*

The Moderator and Clerks of the Assembly were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable answer to this communication, which being reported, was adopted, and is as follows:

COLUMBUS, MISS., MAY 23, 1874.—"The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fraternally acknowledge the Christian salutations of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and wish them grace, mercy, and peace."

JOHN L. GIRARDEAU, *Moderator.*
JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*
WILLIAM BROWN, *Permanent Clerk.*

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Education was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., and, together with the Book of Records of the Committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The Treasurer's Report, with his account book and vouchers, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

It was made the order of the day for Monday night to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Sustentation.

The Auditing Committee presented a report in part, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

SUSTENTATION.

The Auditing Committee would report that they have carefully examined and compared the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Sustentation, and found them correct, with vouchers for every item of expenditure, leaving a balance in the treasury, April 1st, 1874, amounting to Three thousand and forty-seven dollars and five cents, ($3,047.05.)

EVANGELISTIC FUND.

The same Committee would report that they have examined and compared the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Evangelistic Fund, and find them correct, with vouchers for every item of expenditure, leaving a balance in the treasury, April 1st, 1874, amounting to Three thousand, seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars and eighty-six cents, ($3,779.86.)

INVALID FUND.

The same Committee would report that they have examined and compared the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Invalid Fund, and find them correct, with vouchers for every item of expenditure, leaving a balance in the treasury, April 1st, 1874, amounting to the sum of Fifteen hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty-nine cents, ($1,513.39,)

RELIEF FUND.

The same Committee would report that they have examined and compared the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Relief Fund, and find them correct, with vouchers for every item of expenditure, leaving a balance against the treasury, April 1st, 1874, amounting to Seven hundred and ninety dollars and sixty-four cents, ($790.64.)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The same Committee would report that they have examined and compared the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, and find them correct, with vouchers for every item of expenditure, leaving a balance in the treasury, April 1st, 1874, amounting to Two thousand and fifty-six dollars and forty-eight cents, ($2,056.48.)

The Auditing Committee further beg leave to submit the names of the following gentlemen for appointment as Trustees of the General Assembly:

For Three Years.—Rev. John Douglas, John L. Brown, Esq., Col. John E. Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

David H. Bishop,
F. Stringer,
A. Davidson,
Auditing Committee.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Plumer.

Monday Morning, *May* 25, 1874—9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. P. H. Dalton.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The name of John McAllister, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, was reported, and entered on the roll.

The Stated Clerk announced the presence in the Assembly of the Rev. Abel T. Stuart, delegate from the Reformed (Dutch) Church, and it was resolved that, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, an opportunity shall be given for his addressing this body.

A resolution offered by Mr. C. F. Read, elder, was adopted, requesting the Moderator to furnish a copy of the sermon preached in this church yesterday morning, to be published by the Assembly.

It was made the order of the day for 8 o'clock to-morrow night to receive the Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz: Overture No. 3, when the following resolution, offered in relation to it by Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any changes in the methods of conducting the education of candidates for the ministry in our Theological Seminaries be advisable; and if any, what changes should be made. The committee to report to the next General Assembly.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 4, which was adopted, and is as follows:

OVERTURE No. 4, from the Presbytery of Cherokee, asks "What action should church sessions take in regard to members who habitually refuse to contribute anything for the support of the gospel?"

ANSWER.—Every professing Christian ought to contribute according as God has prospered him for the support of the gospel, and should any one habitually fail in this duty and privilege, it is the duty of session to counsel with him, and, if need be, faithfully admonish him of his sinful neglect.

Also Overture No. 5, which was adopted, and is as follows:

OVERTURE No. 5, from the Presbytery of Savannah, asks, "Can one ruling elder alone, without any other elder or minister, in any case constitute a session of a Presbyterian church, competent to receive and dismiss members, and is the action of such elder, sitting alone, in any case valid?"

ANSWER.—Chapter ix. Sec. 2 of the Constitution, Form of Government, defines a quorum of session, in cases where there is but one elder, to be a minister and elder.

The quorum is not a mere rule of procedure, but respects the very being of a judicatory. Any number of members less than a constitutional quorum does not make a judicatory, and is not competent to any organic act.

They also reported Overture No. 6, pending the consideration of which the order of the day was taken up, when the Rev. J. L. Cooper, the delegate from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, addressed the Assembly, bearing to it the fraternal salutations of the body he represented. To this address the Moderator made a suitable response.

The Committee appointed last year to consider the subject of contributions for benevolent purposes, with special reference to a plan of apportioning the amounts to be raised among the Presbyteries and the churches, made a report, which was ordered to be sent down to the Presbyteries for their consideration, with a request that an expression of their opinion on the plan proposed may be sent up to the next Assembly. (See Appendix, No. 9.)

The unfinished business, viz; Overture No. 6, was resumed, pending the consideration of which the Assembly, after a time spent in devotional exercises, took a recess till 8 o'clock to-night.

MONDAY NIGHT, *May* 25—8 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and the order of the day was taken up. The report of the Standing Committee on Sustentation was read by the Chairman, the Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D. After a full consideration of the subject, the report was adopted. The report is as follows;

Report of the Committee to which was referred the Eighth Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation.

With the report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation the following papers and documents have also been submitted to our inspection:

(1.) Memoranda of disbursements of the Committee of Sustentation: (*a*) for sustaining ministers in feeble churches, and for church building, with funds applied by the contributions of our own people: (*b*) for the same object, with funds supplied by the Southern Aid Society of New York: (*c*) for the support of evangelists: (*d*) for the aid of infirm ministers, and the families of deceased ministers—both, by funds derived from church contributions; and, (*e*) for the Relief Fund, the income being derived from subscribers, and interest on investments; and disbursements being for further investments and for the families of beneficiaries deceased.

(2.) The Book of Records of the Executive Committee.

(3.) Also an Overture from the Presbytery of Macon.

As the result of our consideration of these documents, we recommend for adoption by the Assembly the following minute:

1. The Assembly records its profound sorrow that there does not appear evidence of that increase in the contributions of our churches to the vital enterprise of Sustentation demanded by the repeated and earnest recommendations of this highest court of the Church, the necessities of our feeble churches, the insufficient compensation of ministers, and increased membership of our whole communion.

2. To the Southern Aid Society of New York this Assembly tenders the expression of its grateful acknowledgment for its very timely and generous donation of $5,525 for disbursement by the Executive Committee of Sustentation for the objects already named, and the Co-ordinate Secretary of Sustentation is hereby directed to communicate this action to that Society.

3. The evident diligence, discretion and impartiality of the Executive Committee, call for the commendation of this Assembly, and entitle that Committee to the full confidence of all our subordinate courts, ministers, and people.

4. The Assembly labours under the painful conviction that the continued, and, in some cases, increasing pecuniary weakness of many of our churches, aid to which, under the "five year rule," (By-Law No. 3,) must soon be materially diminished, and finally withdrawn—will result in disastrous consequences to such churches, their faithful members, and their families. In this view is found an additional and potent consideration to quicken the efforts of our subordinate courts, ministers, and people, in providing for supporting able evangelists. For as the "Five year Rule" may not be set aside without endangering the whole interests involved in the Sustentation scheme, the only relief for the feeble churches is to be found in the provision of evangelists, to whose care and ministrations they may be ultimately committed. And it should be felt, by all concerned, to be a most tender trust, and a most solemn duty, to supply *all* our people, however feeble their ecclesiastical organization, and however isolated, as to church relation, their homes, with some ministry of the "ordinary means of grace."

5. Highly gratified as the Assembly feels in the increased contributions to the Invalid Fund, and the increase of subscribers to the Relief Fund, both of which enterprises appeal to the confidence of our judgments, and the sympathies of our hearts, with which the needy among our ministers, and their bereaved families, are regarded, the Assembly reiterates the earnest commendation of its predecessors in respect to both enterprises.

6. The Executive Committee of Sustentation is hereby authorized and directed to prescribe an additional condition on which ministers may become subscribers to the Relief Fund, viz: "Whenever any minister, for himself, or any church or other party for him, proposes to subscribe to this fund, there must be furnished to the Committee satisfactory evidence that such a minister enjoys ordinary good health."

7. To the Overture of the Presbytery of Macon, the Assembly replies:

(1.) Rule 4, By-Laws of Committee of Sustentation, applies solely to the funds contributed for evangelistic purposes.

(2.) All such funds (for evangelistic purposes) made within the bounds

of any Presbytery, co-operating with the Assembly's Executive Committee of Sustentation, must, by rule 4, (By-Laws, Executive Committee,) be sent to that Committee.

(3.) The Assembly cannot recognize any "church," or "group of churches," of any Presbytery, refusing or neglecting to co-operate with the Evangelistic department of the Executive Committee of Sustentation, as entitled to aid from that Committee.

8. Rev. E. M. Green having removed to an inconvenient distance from the seat of operations of the Executive Committee of Sustentation, Rev. J. H. Bryson is hereby appointed with the remaining members of said Committee, to constitute said Committee for the year 1874–'75.

B. M. SMITH,
Chairman of Standing Committee.

It was made the second order of the day for to-morrow to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The Assembly then adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. G. A. Caldwell.

TUESDAY MORNING, *May* 26, 1874—9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. J. McCormick.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Plumer, from the Committee to whom were referred certain papers concerning a General Presbyterian Council, made a report, which was placed upon the docket.

The Judicial Committee having reported that no business had been brought before it, was, upon its request, discharged.

The Standing Committee on Evangelistic Labor made a report, which, after some discussion, was laid over to take up the order of the day.

The Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., the delegate appointed by the last General Assembly to the General Synod of the Reformed Church, made a report of the performance of the duty assigned, and of the very cordial reception which was given to him.

The Rev. Abel T. Stuart, the delegate from the Reformed Church, was then introduced, and addressed the Assembly, assuring it of the peculiar esteem and affection cherished for the Southern Presbyterian Church by the Church he represented. To this address the Moderator made an appropriate response.

The second order of the day was taken up, when the report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries was presented. Also a minority report was presented in behalf of Messrs. Geo. A. Caldwell and L. H. Wilson. These reports were received, and a motion was made that the report of the Committee be amended by adding to it the paper presented by the minority. During the discussion of this subject the time for devotional exercises arrived. After these services, it was ordered

that the time to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions be changed till Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock.

A recess was then taken, to meet at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, *May* 26—8 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met. The unfinished business, viz: The report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries, was taken up. After some discussion of the subject, the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. H. R. Raymond.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *May* 27, 1874—9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Kline.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. J. H. Cather, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Winchester, was announced as an additional commissioner present, and his name was enrolled.

The Standing Committee on Education presented a report through Rev. E. M. Richardson, which was read and placed on the docket.

The Rev. Alexander McLean, a Secretary of the American Bible Society, being announced as present, it was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear him on the subject of his mission.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee of Conference on a plan of co-operation with the Reformed Church made a report, which was read by Ruling Elder A. W. Dinsmore, and placed on the docket.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 7, which was placed on the docket.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report, which was read by Rev. J. W. Hoyte, and was placed on the docket.

The unfinished business, being the report on Theological Seminaries, was taken up, when the Rev. Dr. Pratt offered a substitute for the paper offered by the minority. After a time spent in the discussion of this subject a recess was taken till 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *May* 27—3½ *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and the report of the Standing Committee on Evangelistic Labour was taken up, and adopted.

The unfinished business was again taken up. It was resolved that, when this subject is disposed of, the remarks of members shall be limited to ten minutes, except the Chairmen of Com-

mittees, to whom the time shall be extended to fifteen minutes. The discussion was then resumed, and continued till a recess was taken, to meet to-night at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, *May* 27—8 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and the order of the day was taken up. The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was read by the Rev. Dr. Stratton, and after some time spent in addresses on that subject it was adopted unanimously. A collection for Foreign Missions was taken up.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D.

THURSDAY MORNING, *May* 28—9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Matthews.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a report on the paper transmitted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and other memorials.

A minority report was offered by Messrs. James Fentress, D. McNeill Turner, J. O. Lindsay, E. J. Vann.

Another minority report was presented by Rev. J. W. Hoyte. All of which papers were received and placed on the docket.

Mr. D. H. Bishop, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

PUBLICATION.

The undersigned, appointed for the purpose, do hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication, and find them correct, and that the balance in his hands, on the 30th of April, 1874, was Two thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars and thirty cents, ($2,285.30.)

DAVID H. BISHOP,
A. DAVIDSON,
F. STRINGER,
} *Auditing Committee.*

PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The undersigned, appointed for the purpose, do hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Publishing House, and find them correct, with a balance due the Treasurer, on the 30th of April, 1874, of Seven hundred and seventy-one dollars and fifteen cents, ($771.15.)

DAVID H. BISHOP,
A. DAVIDSON,
F. STRINGER,
} *Auditing Committee.*

EDUCATION.

The undersigned, appointed for the purpose, do hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Education, and find them correct, and that the balance due him, on the 30th day of April, 1874, was Five hundred and twenty dollars and fifty-seven cents, ($520.57.)

DAVID H. BISHOP,
A. DAVIDSON,
F. STRINGER. } *Auditing Committee.*

The Rev. Messrs. B. M. Smith, D. D., Geo. Howe, D. D., C. A. Stillman, D. D., B. M. Palmer, D. D., Stuart Robinson, D. D., and J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., were appointed by the Moderator a Committee, under the resolution adopted on Monday, to consider and report to the next Assembly whether any, and if any, what changes in the methods of conducting the education of candidates for the ministry may be advisable.

The order of the day was taken up, when the Rev. Dr. McLean, Agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Assembly, and Messrs. E. M. Richardson, J. W. Pratt, D. D., and J. T. Walsh, were appointed to bring in a suitable minute on the subject presented.

The unfinished business, viz: The report on Theological Seminaries, was taken up, when, by a vote of the Assembly, the privileges of the floor were allowed to the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., to make any statements he might desire upon the pending business. The discussion of this subject was continued till the time for devotional exercises. After these services, the Assembly took a recess, till 3½ o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *May* 28—3½ *o'clock.*

The following resolutions were reported by the Committee concerning the American Bible Society:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly has heard with pleasure the address of the Rev. Dr. McLean, Agent of the American Bible Society, as to the nature and work of that Society.
2. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly cordially commends this Society to the affections, prayers, and contributions of all the churches under its care.

The unfinished business, concerning Theological Seminaries, was resumed, when the Rev. Mr. Caldwell obtained leave to withdraw the minority report.

Mr. C. F. Collier then offered a paper, to be added as an amendment to the report of the majority, and as a substitute for this the Rev. Dr. Farris offered the paper which was offered on Wednesday by Rev. Dr. Pratt, as a substitute for the paper offered by Mr. Collier. This paper is as follows:

While the General Assembly refrains from expressing an opinion respecting the original intention of the framers of the Constitution, and refuses to reflect upon the past course of either professors or students, respecting the attendance upon chapel services on the Sabbath, it hereby interprets the Constitution of the Theological Seminary at Columbia as remitting the entire discipline of the Theological Seminary to the Faculty of the Seminary, and that the students are under their pastoral and imperative control, subject to the review of the Directors and the General Assembly.

The question on the paper being called for, and sustained by a majority of the house, the vote was taken by ayes and noes, as follows:

AYES.—J. Simpson Frierson, R. L. Breck, Wm. Dinwiddie, J. W. Robb, J. A. Kimmons, E. M. Richardson, G. P. Richardson, J. B. Lorance, John C. Baker, A. L. Kline, R. S. McAllister, J. B. Stratton, H. M. Smith, S. J. Bingham, G. A. Hogsett, F. Stringer, R. R. Spann, W. W. Robertson, L. P. Bowen, T. C. Barret, R. P. Farris, Isaac Tate, E. Virgil Conway, D. H. Bishop, H. T. Morton, J. S. Frierson, R. I. Wilson, A. A. Dickerson, B. L. Beall, J. H. Hill, C. H. Robinson, J. E. White, J. L. Girardeau, T. G. Culp, J. T. Walsh, J. Wistar Simpson, J. H. Evins, Hillery Moseley, W. K. Marshall, Wm. Hall, P. McCammon, G. W. Ewell, A. H. Phillips, R. L. McMurran. W. A. Campbell, J. W. Pratt, J. L. Kirkpatrick, B. M. Smith, Va., A. H. McClintick, Joseph A. Waddell, R. H. Watkins—51.

NOES.—J. L. Reed, H. R. Raymond, W. M. Stakley, C. W. Lovelace, Isaac J. Long, A. W. Dinsmore, B. M. Smith, (Ark.) L. H. Wilson, A. W. Gaston, W. J. McCormick, G. W. Maxson, H. F. Hoyt, W. P. Hemphill, W. L. Whitman, E. J. Vann, G. M. Stokes, J. F. King, S. F. Hunter, C. H. Dobbs, P. P. Flournoy, J. D. Matthews, R. K. Smoot, D. O. Davies, A. Davidson, M. H. Carson, C. H. Rochester, J. E. Bright, P. H. McCutchen, James Fentress, Y. Wiley, C. F. Read, D. A Campbell, J. L. Yantis, J. M. Scott, A. Wayland, G. A. Caldwell. J. W. Hoyte, W. P. Brewer, D. N. Kennedy, A. N. Ferguson, D. McNeill Turner, P. H. Dalton, J. McAllister, J. A. Womack, J. I. Scales, W. S. Plumer, N. W. Edmunds, J. O. Lindsay, J. D. Blanding, S. M. Luckett, L. D. Stockton, A. W. Pitzer, T. D. Witherspoon, J. Haynes, W. T. Hall, J. A. Scott, R. Keys, J. Nicolls, G. Ober, C. F. Collier, W. McCreery, John Merritt, R. M. Brown, J. H. Cather—64.

The substitute, therefore, was not adopted. The Rev. H. C. Alexander, and the Rev. T. C. Johnson were excused from voting on this question.

A recess was then taken till 8 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY NIGHT, *May* 28—8 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and the unfinished business was resumed. The question being taken on the paper offered by Mr. C. F. Collier, the first resolution was adopted unanimously. On the second resolution the ayes and noes were called, and are as follows:

AYES.—J. L. Reed, W. M. Stakley, C. W. Lovelace, I. J. Long, A. W. Dinsmore, B. M. Smith, (Ark.) L. H. Wilson, A. W. Gaston, W. J. Mc-

Cormick, G. W. Maxson, H. F. Hoyt, W. P. Hemphill, W. L. Whitman, E. J. Vann, G. M. Stokes, J. F. King, S. F. Hunter, J. D. Matthews, R. K. Smoot, D. O. Davies, A. Davidson, M. H. Carson, C. H. Rochester, J. E. Bright, J. Fentress. Y. Wiley, C. F. Read, D. A. Campbell, J. L. Yantis, J. M. Scott, A. Wayland, G. A. Caldwell, J. W. Hoyte, W. P. Brewer, D. N. Kennedy, A. N. Ferguson, D. McNeill Turner, P. H. Dalton, J. McAllister, J. A. Womack, J. I. Scales, J. E. White, W. S. Plumer, N. W. Edmunds, J. O. Lindsay, J. D. Blanding, S. M. Luckett, L. D. Stockton, A. W. Pitzer, T. D. Witherspoon, J. Haynes, W. T. Hall, J. A. Scott. R. Keys, J. Nicols, G. Ober, C. F. Collier, W. McCreery, J. Merritt, R. M. Brown—60.

Noes.—H. R. Raymond, J. Simpson Frierson, W. J. McCormick, C. H. Dobbs, P. P. Flournoy, R. L. Breck, W. Dinwiddie, J. W. Robbs, J. A. Kimmons, E. M. Richardson, G. P. Richardson, J. B. Lorance, J. C. Baker, A. L. Kline, R. S. McAllister, J. B. Stratton, H. M. Smith, S. J. Bingham, G. A. Hogsett, F. Stringer, R. R. Spann, W. W. Robertson, L. P. Bowen, T. C. Barret, R. P. Farris, I. Tate, E. V. Conway, D. H. Bishop, H. T. Morton, J. S. Frierson, R. I. Wilson, A. A. Dickerson, J. H. Hill, C. H. Robinson, J. L. Girardeau, T. G. Culp, J. T. Walsh, J. Wistar Simpson, J. H. Evins, H. Moseley, W. K. Marshall, Wm. Hall, P. McCammon, G. W. Ewell, A. H. Phillips, R. L. McMurran, W. A. Campbell, J. W. Pratt, B. M. Smith, (Va.) J. L. Kirkpatrick, A. H. McClintick, Joseph A. Waddell, R. H. Watkins—53.

The amendment was, therefore, adopted. Upon the above question, Rev. H. C. Alexander, Rev. T. C. Johnson, and Elder P. H. McCutchen, were excused from voting.

The report of the majority being now before the house, the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick moved to refer the whole subject to a special committee, which motion was rejected, and the question being called and sustained by a majority of the Assembly, so much of the report as relates to a change of the Constitution of the Theological Seminary at Columbia was adopted unanimously. The remainder was also adopted, and then the whole report, as amended, was adopted.

The Rev. Wm. T. Hall offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution touching the attendance on services that may be held in the chapel of the Seminary at Columbia, on the Sabbath day, is not intended to reflect on the Faculty or Board of Directors of the Seminary in any way, but simply to express the judgment of this Assembly as to the expediency of the compulsory feature of such services.

The Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick gave notice, on behalf of himself and others, of his intention to protest against the adoption of the amendment to the report of the majority, offered by Mr. Collier.

The Assembly adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bright.

FRIDAY MORNING, *May* 29, 1874—9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Ruling Elder C. F. Read.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was taken up on a motion for its adoption, and, after some discussion, a motion was made for the indefinite postponement of the whole subject. On this question the ayes and noes were called, and are as follows:

AYES.—H. F. Hoyt, S. F. Hunter, J. D. Matthews, R. K. Smoot, J. E. Bright, P. H. McCutchen, J. Fentress, J. C. Baker, C. F. Read, R. S. McAllister, H. M. Smith, D. A. Campbell, F. Stringer, R. I. Wilson, D. N. Kennedy, D. McNeill Turner, J. McAllister, J. L. Girardeau, J. O. Lindsay, S. M. Luckett, W. K. Marshall, P. McCammon, A. H. Phillips, —23.

NOES.—J. L. Reed, H. R. Raymond, J. Simpson Frierson, W. M. Stakley, C. W. Lovelace, Isaac J. Long, A. W. Dinsmore, B. M. Smith, (Ark.) L. H. Wilson, A. W. Gaston, W. J. McCormick, G. W. Maxson, W. P. Hemphill, W. L. Whitman, E. J. Vann, G. M. Stokes, J. F. King, C. H. Dobbs, P. P. Flournoy, D. O. Davies, R. L. Breck, Wm. Dinwiddie, A. Davidson, J. W. Robb, M. H. Carson, C. H. Rochester, J. A. Kimmons, E. M. Richardson, G. P. Richardson, J. B. Lorance, Y. Wiley, A. L. Kline, J. B. Stratton, S. J. Bingham, G. A. Hogsett. R. R. Spann, J. L. Yantis, W. W. Robertson, L. P. Bowen T. Carr Barret, R. P. Farris, J. M. Scott, Isaac Tate, A. Wayland, E. Virgil Conway, D. H. Bishop, G. A. Caldwell, H. T. Morton, J. W. Hoyte, J. S. Frierson, W. P. Brewer, A. A. Dickerson, A. N. Ferguson, P. H. Dalton, J. H. Hill, W. H. Michal, J. A. Womack, J. I. Scales, C. H. Robinson, J. E. White, W. S. Plumer, N. W. Edmunds, T. G. Culp, J. D. Blanding, J. T. Walsh, J. Wistar Simpson, J. H. Evins, Hillery Moseley, Wm. Hall, L. D. Stockton, G. W. Ewell, R. L. McMurran, A. W. Pitzer, W. A Campbell, J. Haynes, J. W. Pratt, J. L. Kirkpatrick, W. T. Hall. H. C. Alexander, B. M. Smith (Va.,) J. A. Scott, Ro. Keys, J. Nicols, G. Ober, C. F. Collier, W. McCreery, A. H. McClintick, John Merritt, R. H. Watkins, R. M. Brown. J. H. Cather—91.

It was resolved that, at 9 o'clock to-night, the vote shall be taken on the subject of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and that members be limited to twenty minutes, except that by a special vote it may be extended to thirty minutes.

The consideration of the report of the Committee concerning the Reformed Church was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

A recess was taken, till 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *May* 29—3½ *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and it was ordered that the report of the Standing Committee on Sabbath Schools shall be the second order of the day for to-morrow.

The following was adopted as a standing rule of order, and to be printed with them in future editions:

All expressions of approbation or disapprobation, by clapping of hands, or stamping, or any audible applause, shall be considered disorderly.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the discussion continued till near the time for recess.

A written communication was received from the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D, containing his resignation as a Professor in the Theological Seminary at Columbia. This letter is as follows:

COLUMBUS, MISS., *May* 29, 1874.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

Honoured Brethren,—With sentiments of sincere respect, I earnestly request you to accept my resignation as "Professor of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric," in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, to take effect from the 21st September, 1874.

Permit me to state the following reasons as explanatory of this important step:

1. It is not possible for me to administer the responsible trust which I am constrained to relinquish, unless sustained by a power of discipline that no longer can be hoped for.

2. I am so divided, both in policy and principle, from at least one member of the existing faculty, as to render official co-operation with him impossible; and thus the prospect of my usefulness in your Seminary is wholly forbidden.

3. God seems to indicate by his providence that it is my duty to accept the pastoral call recently extended to me by the Presbyterian church in Wilmington, North Carolina.

For these reasons I am absolutely compelled to ask your permission to retire from a position which I cannot occupy with honour to myself, or benefit to the Church.

Most dutifully, your servant in the Lord,

JOSEPH R. WILSON.

The Rev. J. L. Girardeau presented, in behalf of the Rev. John B. Adger, D. D., a communication containing his resignation as Professor in the same Seminary; which communication is as follows:

Acting by the authority, and under the explicit instruction of the Rev. John B. Adger, D. D., I hereby very respectfully present to the General Assembly his resignation of the Chair of Church History and Ecclesiastical Polity in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and this absolutely, it being understood that this resignation will take effect from the beginning of the next Seminary term.

In discharging this delicate and responsible office for my absent friend, I beg, in his name and on his behalf, to tender to his brethren in the Lord, who have reposed confidence in him during the years in which he has served the Church in his Professorship, his sincere and cordial thanks.

JOHN L. GIRARDEAU.

May 29, 1874.

These papers were referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. J. B. Stratton, D. D., W. K. Marshall, D. D., and Rev. J. Simpson Frierson, to recommend to the Assembly suitable action thereon.

Rev. J. L. Girardeau tendered his resignation as a Director in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, which was accepted.

The Auditing Committee made a report concerning the accounts of the Treasurer of the General Assembly, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, appointed for the purpose, hereby certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Assembly, Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., and find them correct, and the balance in his hands, May 1st, 1874, to be One hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy-nine cents, ($117.79.)

DAVID H. BISHOP,
A. DAVIDSON,
FRED. STRINGER,
} *Auditing Committee.*

A recess was taken, till 8 o'clock to-night.

FRIDAY NIGHT, *May* 29—8 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and resumed the consideration of the unfinished business.

The Rev. J. W. Hoyte obtained leave to withdraw the minority report which he had offered, and the vote then recurring on the minority report offered by Mr. J. Fentress and others, it was taken by ayes and noes, as follows:

AYES.—I. J. Long, A. W. Dinsmore, W. J. McCormick, G. W. Maxson, H. F. Hoyt, W. L. Whitman, E. J. Vann, G. M. Stokes, J. D. Matthews, R. K. Smoot, J. W. Robb, C. H. Rochester, J. E. Bright, P. H. McCutchen, J. Fentress, C. F. Read, R. S. McAllister, H. M. Smith, D. A. Campbell, F. Stringer, J. L. Yantis, D. N. Kennedy, J. McNeill Turner, J. H. Hill, J. L. Girardeau, J. O. Lindsay, J. Wistar Simpson, J. H. Evins, S. M. Luckett, G. W. Ewell, A. H. Phillips, T. D. Witherspoon, C. F. Collier - 33.

NOES.—J. L. Reed, H. R. Raymond, J. Simpson Frierson, W. M. Stakley, C. W. Lovelace, B. M. Smith, (Ark.) L. H. Wilson, W. P. Hemphill, J. F. King, S. F. Hunter, C. H. Dobbs, P. P. Flournoy, D. O. Davies, R. L. Breck, W. Dinwiddie, A. Davidson, M. H. Carson, J. A. Kimmons, E. M. Richardson, G. P. Richardson, J. D. Davidson, Y. Wiley, John C. Baker, J. B. Stratton, S. J. Bingham, G. A. Hogsett, W. W. Robertson, L. P. Bowen, T. C. Barret, R. P. Farris, J. M. Scott, I. Tate, A. Wayland, E. V. Conway, D. H. Bishop, G. A. Caldwell, H. T. Morton, J. W. Hoyte, J. L. Frierson, W. P. Brewer, R. I. Wilson, A. A. Dickerson, A. N. Ferguson, T. C. Johnson, J. McAllister, W. H. Michal, J. A. Womack, C. H. Robinson, J. E. White, W. S. Plumer, N. W. Edmunds, T. G. Culp, J. B. Blanding, H. Moseley, W. K. Marshall, W. Hall, L. D. Stockton, P. McCammon, R. L. McMurran, A. W. Pitzer, W. A. Campbell, J. Haynes, J. W. Pratt, J. L. Kirkpatrick, W. T. Hall, H. C. Alexander, B. M. Smith, (Va.) J. A. Scott, R. Keys, J. Nicols, G. Ober, W. McCreery, A. H. McClintick, J. A. Waddell, J. Merritt, R. H. Watkins, R. M. Brown, J. H. Cather—78.

The report of the minority, therefore, was not adopted. This report is as follows:

The undersigned, members of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred a paper officially communicated to this body from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, (commonly known as the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church,) report that they have given it such consideration as its importance demands, and they recommend the adoption of the paper herewith submitted, as our answer to the same.

The communication from the Northern Assembly is as follows: (Same as in the paper adopted by the Assembly.)

In order to a full understanding of the matter thus brought before us, and our duty in the premises, it is proper to refer to a previous occasion, when *substantially* the same matter was brought under the consideration of this Assembly.

At their session in 1869, the General Assembly of the Old School Northern Presbyterian Church had transmitted to this Assembly a paper conveying their Christian salutations, and expressing the desire "that the day may not be distant when we may be united in one great organization." And the General Assembly representing the "Old" and "New School," after their union also had transmitted to this body, at its session in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1870, a paper, of which the following is a copy, (same as in the paper adopted by the Assembly.)

Upon the presentation of this last paper, delegates representing the said Northern Assembly were received, and addressed our Assembly upon the subject of their mission. After a suitable response by the Moderator, the following resolution was adopted, (same as in paper adopted by the Assembly.)

The report of this Committee was made in due time, and after a full deliberation was adopted. Said report is as follows, (see printed Minutes of 1870, pages 529–530.) There was also a Pastoral Letter issued by this Assembly as to this matter, at its session in 1870, to the churches under its care, which is published in the Minutes of that year.

When the action of our Assembly was reported to the Northern Assembly, it immediately resolved, "that the further consideration of the subject be postponed, and the committee discharged." Whether the open, frank, and Christian statement of the barriers to our official intercourse gave any ground of excuse to the Northern Assembly for declining a conference thus invited and accepted, is a question upon which we are not here called to sit in judgment; *the facts are before the world.*

But the practical consideration *now* is in the fact that a proposal of substantially the same import as that received in 1870 is before us, in which, after "deploring the *divisions* that have occurred, and that continue among Presbyterians," and expressing the hope that these divisions may be healed, and that the action taken may lead to that end, they suggest the appointment of another committee to confer with a like committee on their part, looking to the healing of these divisions, and the establishing of closer relations between us.

To any proposal looking to the removal of causes of alienation among churches, which alike hold the truth as it is in Jesus, and to restoring fraternal relations with such as love our Master and His cause, as well as that not less important duty of bearing witness against all defections from the truth, this Assembly, and the Church it represents, is now, and has been at all times, prepared to give a sincere, open, and hearty response. At the time of its organization, in 1861, the following explicit declaration was made by this Assembly, in an "Address to all the churches of Jesus Christ throughout the earth,"—"We desire to cultivate peace and charity with all our fellow-Christians throughout the world. We invite to ecclesiastical communion all who *maintain* our principles of faith and order."

Again, in 1865, after the close of the late war, we find the following: "It may be proper at this point, to declare concerning other churches in the most *explicit* manner, that in the true idea of the communion of

saints, we would willingly hold fellowship with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; and especially do we signify to all bodies, ministers and people of the Presbyterian Church struggling to *maintain* the *true principles* of the same time-honored confession, our desire to establish the most intimate relations with them which may be found mutually edifying, and for the glory of God."

If these and similar declarations by us have been overlooked by our Northern brethren, they are none the less a clear and abiding avowal of the spirit of our Church in this regard.

Our testimony also concerning the defection of our late associates from the grave and fundamental principles of our common standards, has been none the less earnest and explicit.

So now, while the hearts of our people yearn for *cordial* fraternal relations with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, yet having, in 1870, distinctly stated the barriers to official correspondence between us, and our brethren having failed to remove them unequivocally, we are constrained by fidelity to truth to decline official intercourse until the fundamental difficulties set forth in our declaration of 1870 are removed, or until we shall be enabled to see our error in this regard.

This Assembly accepts with great pleasure the kind expressions of confidence by our brethren in the soundness of doctrine and Christian character of the Church represented by this Assembly, and expresses the confident hope that the time may soon come when our brethren of the Northern Assembly may see their way clear to remove the barriers to our *cordial* fraternal correspondence.

JAMES FENTRESS,
D. MCNEILL TURNER,
J. O. LINDSAY,
E. J. VANN.

The question being then upon the report presented by the Committee, the vote was taken by ayes and noes, and is as follows:

AYES.—J. L. Reed, H. R. Raymond, J. Simpson Frierson, W. M. Stakley, C. W. Lovelace, B. M. Smith, (Ark.) L. H. Wilson, A. W. Gaston, W. P. Hemphill, J. F. King, C. F Hunter, C. H. Dobbs, P. P. Flournoy, D. O. Davies, R. L. Breck, W. Dinwiddie, A. Davidson, M. H. Carson, J. A. Kimmons, E. M. Richardson, G. P. Richardson, J. B. Lorance, Y. Wiley, J. C. Baker, J. B Stratton, S. J. Bingham, G. A. Hogsett, W. W. Robertson, L. P. Bowen, T. C. Barret, R. P. Farris, J M. Scott, I. Tate, A. Wayland, E. V. Conway, D. H. Bishop, G. A. Caldwell, H. T. Morton, J. W. Hoyte, J. S. Frierson, W. P. Brewer, R. I. Wilson, A. H. Dickerson, A N. Ferguson, T. C. Johnson. J. McAllister, W. H. Michal, J. A. Womack, C. H. Robinson, J. E. White, W. S. Plumer, N. W. Edmunds, T. G. Culp, J. D. Blanding, H. Moseley, W. K. Marshall, W. Hall, L. D. Stockton, P. McCammon, R. L. McMurran, A. W. Pitzer, W. A. Campbell, J. Haynes, J. W. Pratt, J. L. Kirkpatrick, W. T. Hall, H. C. Alexander, B. M. Smith, (Va.) J. A. Scott, R. Keys, J. Nicols, G. Ober, W. McCreery, A. H. McClintick, J. A. Waddell, J. Merrit, R. H. Watkins, R. M. Brown, J. H. Cather—79.

NOES.—I. J. Long, A. W Dinsmore, W. J. McCormick, J. W. Maxson, H. F. Hoyt, W. L. Whitman, E. J. Vann, G. M. Stokes, J. D. Matthews, R. K. Smoot, J. W. Robb, C. H. Rochester, J. E. Bright, P. H. McCutchen, J. Fentress, C. F. Read, R. S. McAllister, H. M. Smith, D. A. Campbell, F. Stringer, R. R. Spann, J. L. Yantis, D. N. Kennedy, D. McNeill Turner, J. L. Girardeau, J. O. Lindsay, J. Wistar Simpson, J. H. Evins, S. M. Luckett, G. W. Ewell, A. H. Phillips, T. D. Witherspoon, C. F. Collier—33.

This report, therefore, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report to the General Assembly as follows :

Three papers were referred to the Committee touching the matter to which the report relates, viz: First, an official communication to this Assembly from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which, as it will be hereafter cited at large in this report, need not be here more particularly described; Second, an overture from the Presbytery of South Alabama, "on the subject of closer relations with the Northern Presbyterian Church," and expressing the hope that our General Assembly will establish such relations; Third, an overture from the Presbytery of Chesapeake, asking this Assembly to appoint "a committee untrammelled by instructions to confer with a similar committee of the Northern General Assembly," as to "such measures as shall be best adapted to promote friendly relations and fraternal correspondence." Both of these overtures represent that an "organic union" between the two bodies represented by the two Assemblies is not contemplated in the request contained in their papers.

The Committee have given to the subject a most careful and laborious consideration, and now recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following answer to the same.

The communication from the Northern General Assembly is in the following words :

Extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in Session at Baltimore, May 21, 1873.

The General Assembly, deploring the divisions that have occurred, and that continue, among Presbyterians in the United States of America, and earnestly desiring to do whatever is consistent with duty and fidelity to the Lord toward healing these divisions; and, furthermore, having good reason to hope that the action contemplated in the following paper will promote and secure this happy result, do solemnly declare :

First, That in accordance with a resolution, unanimously adopted by each of the two bodies now constituting the re-united Church, all action touching the brethren adhering to the body popularly known as the Southern General Assembly, together with all action touching the brethren adhering to the body known as the Old School Synod of Missouri, has been, since the re-union, and is now, null and void, and therefore of no binding effect, and not to be pleaded as a precedent in the future.

Second, The Assembly also express confidence in the soundness of doctrine, and in the Christian character of these brethren, and cannot doubt that a more intimate communion would lead to the speedy removal of the barriers that now separate those of like precious faith, to increased mutual affection and esteem, and to a practical manifestation of oneness in Christ.

Third, With regard to the civil magistrate, and the relation of Church and State, the Assembly deem it sufficient to call attention to the following statements and principles found in our standards, to wit:

(1.) "Synods and Councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical, and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the Commonwealth, unless by way of humble petition in cases extraordinary, or by way of advice, for satisfaction of conscience, if they be thereunto required by the civil magistrate." (Confession of Faith, chapter xxxi. section 4.)

(2) "That God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in anything contrary to his word, or beside it in matters of faith or worship." "That all

church power, whether exercised by the body in general, or in the way of representation, by delegated authority, is only ministerial and declarative. *That is to say*, that the Holy Scriptures are the only rule of faith and manners; that no church judicatory ought to pretend to make laws to bind the conscience in virtue of their own authority; and that all their decisions should be founded upon the revealed will of God." (Form of Government, chapter 1, sections 1 and 7.)

Fourth. For the purpose of carrying out the spirit of the foregoing resolutions, the Assembly will appoint two committees to confer with similar committees, if appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and by the Old School Synod of Missouri, to seek closer and more fraternal relations with these bodies."

This paper was adopted unanimously, and the following committee was accordingly appointed to confer with a like committee of the Presbyterian Church South: Rev. Samuel J. Nichols, D. D., Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D., Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, D. D., Mr. John K. Morehead and Hon. Joseph W. Edwards.

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, S. C.

A true extract.

In order to a full understanding of the whole matter, and of our duty in the premises, it may be proper to refer to a previous occasion, when it was brought under the consideration of the Southern General Assembly. Four years ago, in 1870, a paper was received from the Northern General Assembly, of which the following is a copy:

"Whereas, this General Assembly believes that the interests of the kingdom of our Lord throughout our entire country will be greatly promoted by healing all unnecessary divisions:

"Whereas, this General Assembly desires the speedy establishment of cordial relations with the body known as the 'Southern Presbyterian Church,' on terms of mutual confidence, respect, christian honor and love:

"Whereas, we believe that the terms of re-union between the two branches of the Presbyterian Church at the North, now so happily consummated, present an auspicious opportunity for the adjustment of such relations; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, 1. That a committee of five ministers and four elders be appointed by this Assembly to confer with a similar committee, if it should be appointed by the Assembly now in session in the city of Louisville, Ky., in respect to opening a friendly correspondence between the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches, and that the result of such conference be reported to the General Assembly of 1871.

"*Resolved*, 2. That with a view to the furtherance of the object contemplated in the appointment of said committee, this Assembly hereby re-affirms the 'Concurrent Declaration' of the two Assemblies which met in the city of New York last year, viz:

"'That no rule or precedent which does not stand approved by both bodies shall be of any authority in the re-united body, except in so far as such rule or precedent may affect the rights of property therein.'

"*Resolved*, 3. That two ministers and one elder of the committee appointed by this Assembly, be designated as delegates to convey to the Assembly now in session at Louisville, Ky., a copy of these resolutions, with our christian salutations."

This communication having been presented, the Rev. J. C. Backus, D. D., Rev. H. J. Van Dyke, D. D., and the Hon. W. E. Dodge, delegates appointed and present, in pursuance of the last resolution, were introduced and addressed the Assembly on the subject of their mission, to

which a suitable response was made by the Moderator. The following resolution was also adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Assembly duly appreciates the marked courtesy and kindness of the General Assembly now sitting in Philadelphia, in commissioning brethren so particularly acceptable to us to be the bearers of its resolutions to this body; that we will take into careful consideration the proposition presented by them; and that in order to proper deliberation and care in so important a matter, these resolutions, together with the message and exposition of the delegation, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with instruction to report at the earliest possible time, recommending an answer to this proposition."

The report of this committee was made in due time, and, after full deliberation, was adopted by the Assembly. The first part of the answer was in these words:

"To this proposition then, that a committee of five ministers and four elders be appointed by this Assembly to confer with a similar committee of their Assembly, in respect to opening a friendly correspondence between the Northern and Southern Assemblies, your committee recommend the following answer:

"Whatever obstructions may exist in the way of cordial intercourse between the two bodies above named, are entirely of a public nature, and involve grave and fundamental principles. The Southern Presbyterian Church can confidently appeal to all the acts and declarations of all their Assemblies, that no attitude of aggression or hostility has been, or is now, assumed by it toward the Northern Church. And this General Assembly distinctly avows (as it has always believed and declared) that no grievances experienced by us, however real, would justify us in acts of aggression, or a spirit of malice or retaliation against any branch of Christ's visible kingdom. We are prepared, therefore, in advance of all discussion, to exercise towards the General Assembly North, and the churches represented therein, such amity as fidelity to our principles could, under any possible circumstances, permit. Under this view, the appointment of a committee of conference might seem wholly unnecessary; but in order to exhibit before the world the spirit of conciliation and kindness to the last degree, this Assembly agrees to appoint a committee of conference, to meet a similar committee already appointed by the Northern Assembly, with instructions to the same that the difficulties which lie in the way of cordial correspondence between the two bodies must be distinctly met and removed, and which may be comprehensively stated in the following particulars:

These "particulars" it is not necessary for our present purpose to recite. A Pastoral Letter also, explanatory of this paper, was addressed to our churches.

When this action of our Assembly was reported to the Northern Assembly, it immediately resolved, "that the further consideration of the subject be postponed, and the committee be discharged," basing its action upon the ground that "the Southern Assembly, while receiving our delegates with marked courtesy, and formally complying with our proposition for the appointment of a committee of conference, has, nevertheless accompanied that appointment with declarations and conditions which we cannot accept, because they involve a virtual pre-judgment of the very difficulties concerning which we invited the conference."

How far the reason assigned was sufficient for declining a conference thus invited and accepted, is a question upon which we are not here called to sit in judgment. The facts are before the world. But the practical

consideration now before us is in the fact that a proposal for another conference, substantially of the same purport as the one received in 1870, is now laid before us. It will be observed that in this paper the Northern Assembly, "deploring the divisions that have occurred, and that continue among Presbyterians in the United States of America, and earnestly desirous to do whatever is consistent with duty and fidelity to the Lord, toward healing those divisions," appointed last year a committee to confer with a similar committee, if appointed by this Assembly, "to seek closer and more fraternal relations between these two bodies." To any proposal of this kind for removing causes of alienation among churches, and looking toward more fraternal relations, the Southern Presbyterian Church is now, and has been at all times, prepared to give a sincere and hearty response in the affirmative. At the time of its organization, in 1861, the following explicit declaration was made by our General Assembly, in an "Address to all the churches of Jesus Christ throughout the earth:" "We desire to cultivate peace and charity with all our fellow-Christians throughout the world. We invite to ecclesiastical communion all who maintain our principles of faith and order." Again, in 1865, after the close of the war, we find the following: "It may be proper at this point to declare, concerning other churches, in the most explicit manner, that in the true idea of 'the communion of saints' we would willingly hold fellowship with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; and especially do we signify to all bodies, ministers, and people, of the Presbyterian Church, struggling to maintain the true principles of the same time-honoured Confession, our desire to establish the most intimate relations with them, which may be found mutually edifying and for the glory of God."

These, and similar declarations, made in the most solemn periods in the history of our Church, and published to the world, were intended to be a clear and abiding avowal of the spirit of our successive Assemblies, and of our people represented in them.

But now, in response to this renewed proposal already referred to, this Assembly does hereby again agree to appoint a committee, consisting of three ministers and two elders, whose duty it shall be to meet with the committee appointed by the Northern Assembly, at such time and place as may be designated by the chairmen of the two committees, and enter fully into conference concerning the removal of those causes which have heretofore prevented fraternal relations between the two churches.

Inasmuch, however, as it appears that the instructions given to its committee by our Assembly in 1870, were made a ground of serious objection by the other party, this Assembly, with a sincere desire to "follow the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another," yields to the wishes of the Northern Assembly in this particular, and appoints its committee without any special instructions; only requiring that the results of the conference shall be reported to our next General Assembly for its judgment thereon.

In order to prevent misapprehension, whether on the part of our own people or of others, as to the purport and scope of any negotiations which may arise from the step here taken, the Assembly feels that it is due to itself and to candour, to state explicitly, that an organic union with the Northern Assembly is not contemplated in this action; it being our deliberate conviction that the agitation of that subject would tend to retard, and not to promote, the formation of those "closer fraternal relations" which we understand the communication now before us to propose.

But, on the other hand, the Assembly as explicitly declares the readiness and desire of our Church, both of our judicatories in their official capacity, and of our people in their social Christian intercourse, to welcome to full and equal fellowship with ourselves in the privileges of the gospel, and in labours for the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom, all those who, holding the same great principles of evangelical doctrine, and

ecclesiastical polity which we hold, are willing to cast in their lot with us by entering our communion.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee,

J. L. KIRKPATRICK, *Chairman.*

Messrs. H. M. Smith, D. D., R. K. Smoot, and James Fentress gave notice of their intention to enter a protest against the action of the Assembly in adopting the above paper.

It was ordered that the committee provided for shall be filled with three ministers and two ruling elders, to be appointed by the Moderator.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Turner.

SATURDAY MORNING, *May* 30, 1874—9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, when a time was spent in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on Overture No. 6, was taken up, and being amended was adopted; and is as follows:

Overture No. 6, from the Presbytery of West Hanover, asks the Assembly to give specific instructions concerning the dismission of non-communing members.

The following answer is recommended:

1. Baptized children being, according to our discipline, "members of the church, and subject to church government and constitution," there should be kept by the Sessions a register of the names of such persons.

2. Whenever a parent or parents, in full communion with a church, remove from such church to another, the Session, in giving the usual certificate of dismission to such parent or parents, shall also, on the face of such certificate, state the names of all their children resident in their families, being baptized members of the church; and such names shall then be removed from the register of that church; and on the presentation of the certificate by the dismissed communicants, shall be entered on the register of the church to which said communicants may be dismissed.

3. Whenever any baptized child, not a communicant, shall remove from the bounds of any church to become, prospectively, a resident within the bounds of another, such child, having reached the years of discretion, shall be furnished by the Session, at his or her request, with a certificate of such relationship, to be transferred to the Session of the church within whose bounds the proposed residence is to be made.

Rev. H. M. Smith, D. D., read a protest against the action of the Assembly in adopting the paper providing for a committee of conference. It was ordered that the protest be spread upon the records without answer.

This paper is as follows:

We, the undersigned, respectfully protest against the action of the Assembly, in appointing a committee of conference to discuss the question of

"closer and more fraternal relations"—so called—with a similar committee appointed by the body popularly known as the Northern General Assembly.

1. We make this protest because we judge this action to be contrary to the principles with which we are historically identified as a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which principles we hold to have been correctly stated in a paper on the same subject, adopted by the General Assembly at Louisville in 1870.

Our relations with the Northern Church are determined by their adoption in 1861 of what are commonly known as "the Spring Resolutions," the principles contained in which have been re-affirmed, endorsed, and elaborated by them in all their subsequent legislation, and have never been withdrawn nor rescinded by them. By said action, to use the language of the protest offered on that occasion, and signed by the Moderator of that Assembly himself, and by many others—"in deciding a political question, and in making that decision practically a condition of membership to the Church, the Assembly, in our judgment, violated the Constitution of the Church, and usurped the prerogative of its Divine Master." Under said action, the Presbyteries originally composing this body felt themselves extruded from the communion of that Assembly. And the organization of the Southern Church stands, and has stood since that time, as a living testimony for the supremacy of Christ as Lord of the conscience, and for the spirituality of His kingdom; principles dishonoured by them in us. Nor can we consistently blunt the edge of our testimony for these principles by any official correspondence which would change our attitude of protest, while that brand of dishonour remains.

2. Their Overture adopted in 1873, and sent us by the Northern Assembly, affords no sufficient reason for the course pursued by this Assembly. We are painfully convinced that their Overture evades the very questions it pretends to meet. It assures us that both bodies composing their Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution making "null and void and of no binding effect all action touching their brethren adhering to the Southern Assembly, or to the Old School Synod of Missouri."

Whereas, both bodies referred to have lately adopted, and made part of their record, a paper which endorses in the most solemn, formal, and unequivocal manner, and which sets forth and maintains the very principles against which we have protested, and do now protest, to wit: the decision of a civil court in the case of the Walnut Street church, Louisville, Kentucky. See Digest, printed by order of the General Assembly, Minutes, 1873.

Their Overture proposes to express confidence in our "soundness of doctrine and Christian character."

Whereas, the abusive and slanderous charges made against our ministers and Church, publicly and continuously reiterated—touching not only our doctrine and character, but even our motives, are not only not formally retracted, but are actually, by implication at least, repeated and reaffirmed in the paper just referred to, and very recently made part of their record.

Their Overture also, in order to produce the impression upon us, and upon the public mind, that the Northern Assembly does really hold, and is governed by the principles of freedom of conscience, and the spirituality of Christ's kingdom, and that no past action can operate as a precedent for any future violation of these principles, "deems it sufficient to call attention to the fact," that they profess to hold in common with ourselves, standards which proclaim that Christ is Lord of the conscience, and that "Synods and Councils are to handle nothing but that is ecclesiastical."

Whereas it is a notorious fact that said Assembly never, at any time in its history, more publicly and emphatically professed allegiance to those very principles, than when engaged in the act of "violating the Constitution of the Church, and usurping the prerogative of its Divine Master." See protest of Dr. Hodge and others, Minutes, 1861. So the many and solemn utterances of our own Church, and of godly men within their own com-

munion, to the full and lucid testimonies of the Synod of Kentucky, and the Synod of Missouri; to the explicit testimony of a previous Assembly, the Northern Assembly now offers a bare *technical reference*, as a fair and full satisfaction of all honest doubts and difficulties, and of all injuries publicly and officially brought to their attention. In view of these facts, we are constrained to regard this part of their overture as a manifest evasion of the questions at issue between us. It is our opinion, therefore, that the overture affords no just ground for changing our present attitude of protest toward that Assembly; but on the contrary, much to make us more careful than ever how we enter into any negotiations with that body, until all ground for suspicion of ambiguous dealing is removed.

3. To appoint a committee of conference, in present circumstances, is, we fear, calculated to place us in a false position before the Christian world. It is a well known fact that our beloved Church is historically identified with testimony for the supremacy of Christ as Lord of the conscience, and for the spirituality of His Church. It is well known that the duty to testify for these fundamental principles has been, in the providence of God, specially bound upon us by the very action of the Northern Assembly; and that since the enactment of the "Spring resolutions," in 1861, we have borne our testimony *in protest* against the continuous legislation of the Northern Assembly, by which these principles have been in us dishonoured. It is as well known that the Northern Assembly is historically identified with a system of proscriptive legislation by which, in the judgment of many, the good name of Christ and of His Church has been dishonoured; and that, moreover, they have never rescinded such legislation, and that they still maintain the principles on which it is founded. Should we therefore, in such circumstances as these, consent now to enter into a conference which, for the very reasons above stated, we have hitherto steadily refused, it immediately gives rise to the opinion that we have receded from our testimony. By changing our attitude toward that body, while they have made no adequate corresponding change in their *real* attitude towards us, will give rise to the opinion that we have consented to suppress our testimony to these principles, and that in suppressing our own testimony we are practically admitting the truthfulness of theirs. By this action, as it appears to us, the Assembly runs great risk of casting suspicion upon the glorious record of the past history and upon the present attitude of our beloved Church.

We feel constrained, therefore, to protest against this action of the Assembly. *Because* it contravenes the duty we owe to the precious principles which were entrusted to us to maintain and to defend; *because* the reasons proposed in the overture of the Northern Assembly are not sufficient to justify any change in our relations to that body; *because* it tends to misrepresent the real position of our beloved Church before the world; and *because* it tends to promote doubt, agitation and discord among our people.

Inasmuch as the facts and principles on which this protest is founded cannot be denied, we can but express the earnest hope and confidence that the Holy Spirit may so attend and guide our representatives in the projected conference, that these things be neither overlooked nor set aside.

Henry M. Smith, Presbytery of New Orleans; James Fentress, Prestery of Memphis; R. K. Smoot, Presbytery of Muhlenburg; A. H. Phillips, Presbytery of Western Texas; D. N. Kennedy, Presbytery of Nashville; Charles F. Collier, Presbytery of East Hanover; D. A. Campbell, Presbytery of Red River; J. O. Lindsay, Presbytery of South Carolina; H. F. Hoyt, Presbytery of Savannah; J. Wistar Simpson, Presbytery of South Carolina; John L. Yantis, Presbytery of La Fayette; W. L. Whitman, Presbytery of Cherokee; Charles F. Reid, Presbytery of Western District; R. S. McAllister, Presbytery of Louisiana; D. McNeil Turner, Presbytery of Mecklenburg; Isaac J. Long, Presbytery

of Arkansas; George W. Ewell, Presbytery of Eastern Texas; F. Stringer, Presbytery of New Orleans; A. W. Dinsmore, Presbytery of Arkansas; J. W. Robb, Presbytery of Louisville; C. H. Rochester, Presbytery of Transylvania; E. J. Vann, Presbytery of Florida; John L. Girardeau, Presbytery of Charleston.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication was presented by its Chairman, Rev. Mr. Breck, which was placed on the docket.

The report of the Committee concerning a plan of co-operation with the Reformed Church was taken up, and, having been amended, was adopted unanimously. The report is as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the plan submitted to the General Assembly by the Committee of Conference of the Reformed Church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and which provides for "more intimate communion and co-operation between these Christian denominations," and looks to the establishment of "closer relations" between the two bodies, respectfully report that they have discharged that pleasing duty, and recommend the adoption of the following minute, as expressive of the sense of the Assembly:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States has cause for solemn and devout gratitude to God for the numerous tokens of divine favour and approval which have marked this negotiation through all its stages, from its first inception till the present hour, and especially for the spirit of unity and Christian fellowship, of mutual forbearance, fraternal love, and confidence which have been vouchsafed to the members of the joint Committees of Conference, and which have attended all their deliberations to a harmonious issue in the plan of co-operation which has been submitted to the two Churches as embodying the result of their complete action.

2. *Resolved*, That the aforesaid plan be, and the same is, hereby heartily adopted entire (except as to the number of delegates) by this Assembly, as the basis of an "intimate co-operative alliance," such as therein set forth, a union not organic, but nevertheless a union real and practicable; one which it is believed will, under the Divine blessing, prove to be comfortable and useful to the two bodies that at length are happily brought into effective concert, and which it is hoped will redound to the honour and glory of the great Head of the Church. And in accordance therewith, the General Assembly will now appoint one minister and one elder, with alternates, as corresponding members, to meet said Reformed Synod at its next convention in Poughkeepsie, New York, on the first Wednesday in June, 1874, should they approve and adopt said "plan of co-operation."

3. *Resolved*, That in accordance with the provisions of this plan, the various questions touching the details of co-operation are referred to our Committees of Education, Publication, Foreign Missions, and Sustentation, respectively, who shall report as soon as practicable to this Committee of Conference, hereby reappointed, and that the Committee shall consider and digest the information so obtained, with a view to continue the conference to such end as shall be most to the glory of God, and the interests of both denominations.

The Report of the Committee of Conference, on which the above report was based, is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and the Committee appointed by the General As-

sembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to "consider carefully the matter of the desirableness and feasibility" of establishing "closer relations" between the Churches aforesaid, met, according to previous arrangement, in the city of New York, on Friday, the 27th day of February, 1874. After a careful and protracted consideration of the whole subject committed to their charge, they were led to a cordial and unanimous agreement in the plan set forth in the paper here reported and recommended for adoption, as follows:

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in providing a plan for more intimate communion and co-operation between these Christian denominations, judge it to be a suitable occasion for making the following declaration:

First. That the standards of doctrine in both Churches have always been recognized as orthodox expositions, and noble monuments of the faith professed by the Reformed Churches to which they belong; that is to say, for the Reformed Church, the Belgic confession, the articles of the Synod of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism; and for the Presbyterian Church, the Confession of Faith of the Westminster Assembly, together with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. And in forming closer relations with each other, it is with the solemn purpose of striving together in strengthening our hands to uphold the doctrines of these venerable symbols, and maintaining them in the plain sense in which they have been received and interpreted from the first.

Second. Should anything be found in the proceedings of either of our bodies, in times past, which might be regarded as inconsistent with the principle that the Church of Jesus Christ is a spiritual kingdom, and not secular or political, and that ecclesiastical courts are to handle and conclude only ecclesiastical matters, such action shall not be pleaded as a precedent in anything connected with the scheme of co-operation herein provided for.

Third. That the close agreement between the doctrinal standards of the two Churches, and the general agreement of their forms of government and rules of discipline, together with their steadfast adherence to the same, present a solid and satisfactory basis of strong mutual confidence, which confidence has been much confirmed by their recent intercourse, and experience of fraternal sympathy and kindness.

Fourth. That we fully recognize it to be the duty of the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ to seek and embrace all proper means of manifesting such degree of unity in the faith of the gospel as may exist among them; and that this unity may, in our view, be effectually manifested by us in the absence of outward ecclesiastical uniformity, with which it ought never to be confounded, and which ought never to be purchased at the cost of truth.

While some considerable obstacles are found, for the present, to the formation of an organic union between these denominations, yet, cordially agreeing in the above declaration, we have good reason to believe that the way is opened, and happily under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit and holy providence, for such intimate, co-operative alliance, as will prove comfortable and useful on both sides.

The provisions of this plan shall embrace the following particulars:

I. With a view of expressing more emphatically the unity now existing, as well as promoting it still further, instead of the former system of delegates, a delegation, consisting of two ministers and two elders, shall be sent annually from the General Synod to the meeting of the General Assembly, and a similar delegation from the General Assembly to the meeting of the General Synod; which delegations shall be expected to sit and deliberate throughout the sessions of these bodies respectively, endeavouring especially to further all those interests in which the two Churches co-operate.

II. A vacant congregation shall be at liberty to call a minister from either of the Churches, according to the order established in that Church to which he may be called, and he shall conform to the order of the Church to which he is transferred.

III. When particular churches of either body are in locations much more convenient for a connection with a Classis or Presbytery belonging to the other, it is recommended to them to seek a transfer in such a way as shall be in conformity with the regulations of both denominations; and whenever it may be deemed advisable for students of theology of either body to pursue their studies in institutions of the other, it will be regarded with the hearty approbation of both. And students, who have pursued a full course of study in the Theological Seminaries of either Church, shall be placed on an equal footing before the Presbyteries and Classes of the other.

IV. It is believed that a valuable co-operation may be secured in regard to most of those schemes of benevolence in which both Churches are engaged. As the extent to which this may be most judiciously carried can be ascertained only by careful conference and experiment, many of the details must be left for future agreement. The following is adopted as indicating what may be initiated at the present time:

(1.) In regard to *Foreign Missions*. We express the idea that it will probably most promote the glory of God that there should not be separate denominational interests permanently established, where our Missions are or may be planted within reach of each other, but that the establishment of one united Church should be encouraged. It deserves to be carefully considered, whether in the whole work of Foreign Missions a complete fusion be not advisable. It is therefore agreed that the entire subject shall be referred to the Board and Committee in the two Churches having charge of these interests, with instructions to devise plans, if deemed practicable, in accordance with these suggestions.

(2.) In regard to *Domestic Missions*, especially in the aspect of *Evangelistic Work*. It is judged expedient to refer this whole subject also to the appropriate Board and Committee of the two Churches for their consideration, as provided for above in the matter of Foreign Missions. It may be suitable, however, to declare at this time our conviction of the great importance of this work in both Churches, and especially that form of it which presents itself within the bounds of the General Assembly in behalf of the large and needy coloured population.

(3.) In regard to *Publication*. It is agreed that each Committee or Board shall furnish the other with its publications, and the two publishing houses shall act as depositories, each for the other, as far as practicable. But the details of this arrangement, and the commercial terms, shall be left to the Board and Committee having charge of these interests. This whole matter also is referred by the General Synod and the General Assembly to the appropriate Board and Committee, to consider whether the two Agencies may not be fused into one.

It is further agreed that the General Synod and the General Assembly shall continue these negotiations, so happily begun, through a Committee of Conference appointed by each, who shall be jointly instructed to receive by January 1st, 1875, the plans prepared by the Boards and Committees herein before provided for—with a view to modify, as far as necessary, and harmonize them all in one comprehensive scheme of co-operative union, which scheme shall be submitted to the Synod and to the Assembly respectively at their annual session in 1875.

The provisions of this agreement, or any parts thereof, shall be in force from the time of their adoption by both the General Synod and the General Assembly.

In concluding their labours, the joint Committees of Conference desire to place on record their grateful recognition of the divine favour, as

evinced in the pervading power of heavenly love by which all the members present have manifested throughout the utmost fraternal confidence, and have conducted this Conference to a harmonious issue.

The appointment of two delegates to the General Synod of the Reformed Church was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee appointed by the last Assembly to revise tables for Presbyterial reports made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the last General Assembly to consider the overture of Abingdon Presbytery on statistical tables, report that they have performed this duty, and find some of the suggestions of the overture of value, while others appear to us of not sufficient importance to induce the contemplated changes.

Your committee recommend:

1. That four new columns be added to the statistical tables—the first for elders, the second for deacons, the third for baptized non-communicating members, and the fourth for the evangelistic fund; and that these be arranged in the statistical tables as in the accompanying tabular statement.

2. It is also recommended that certain directions, as are herewith presented, accompany the statistical table.

3. It is also recommended that the Executive Committee of Publication be directed to print an adequate supply of Sessional reports, to be sent without charge to the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries, so that all the Church Sessions may be regularly supplied without cost; and, also, that supplies of Presbyterial reports be sent without charge to Stated Clerks of Presbyteries.

J. R. Wilson, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee on Sabbath Schools presented, through its chairman, Rev. H. R. Raymond, a report, which, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

A growing interest evidently exists throughout our bounds in regard to Sabbath Schools. Ministers and church members are stirred up far more than formerly to the importance of this Christian agency.

A few of the Presbyteries hold annual conventions, in which subjects are discussed pertaining to Sabbath Schools; and these conventions have served to awaken zeal, and disseminate light in respect to this work of the Church. Revivals of religion are reported in several Sabbath Schools, under the influence of which the young have been led to the Saviour.

Of the fifty-seven Presbyteries that compose our Church, only forty-five have sent reports to the Assembly on this subject; and some of these are too meagre to afford any definite information. The twelve Presbyteries which have failed to send up reports are these, viz: Indian, Cherokee, Central Ohio, Muhlenburg, Paducah, Transylvania, Tuscumbia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Holston, Wilmington, and Sao Paulo.

There are in the forty-five Presbyteries that have furnished reports 1,374 churches and 760 Sabbath Schools. A comparison of statistics with those of last year presents these facts:

1873, number of Presbyteries reported	44
1874, " of " "	45
1873, " of Sabbath Schools "	721
1874, " of " "	760
1873, funds contributed	$25,819
1874, " "	$31,022

Other figures derived from the reports are the following:

Number of teachers	6,844
" of scholars	52,821
" of teachers, average attendance	4,709
" of scholars, " "	28,870
" of teachers, increase	340
" of scholars "	2,959
" of teachers, decrease	149
" of scholars "	1,104
" of teachers added to communion of Church	259
" of scholars " " "	1,594
Actual increase of teachers	191
" " scholars	1,855

The Presbytery of New Orleans reports the largest number of scholars on the rolls. The Presbytery of Lexington the largest average attendance. The Presbytery of New Orleans reports the largest amount contributed by its Sabbath Schools for home objects. The Presbytery of Nashville the largest amount for missionary purposes.

About two-thirds of the schools reported are under the supervision and control of the Sessions. Many of the others are Union Sabbath Schools.

In the greater part of the schools the Shorter Catechism is regularly used; and in several cases reports mention that the Larger Catechism, and the Confession of Faith and Form of Government are studied. It is stated in almost all of the reports that pupils commit and recite verses from the Holy Scriptures, a practice worthy of earnest commendation.

The *Children's Friend* is circulated extensively; the *Earnest Worker* has a far more limited patronage than it deserves.

It is gratifying to find that the attendance of ministers and elders upon the exercises of the Sabbath School is becoming more common, and the good results are apparent.

In but few instances does it appear that pastors preach regularly to the Sabbath School children. Where a special service of this kind is held, ministers have generally been convinced of its great advantages.

We are glad to notice occasionally in these reports, that Sabbath Schools are maintained for instructing the coloured people in the word of God.

In order that our Churches may embark still more thoroughly and systematically in the Sabbath School enterprise, a field which the Lord has so signally blessed, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the ministers and elders be entreated to give such attention to the Sabbath Schools in their respective churches, as will enable them to keep in full sympathy with this branch of Church work, and to have an adequate knowledge of its necessities and advantages; and that they be urged, as far as practicable, to identify themselves regularly with the labours of the Sabbath School.

2. *Resolved*, That the supervision and control of Sessions over Sabbath Schools, so often pressed upon the attention of Churches, should be exercised even in the minutest details, so far as to enable Sessions promptly to correct any evils that may arise, and make any necessary changes for the well-being of the Sabbath School.

3. *Resolved*, That this Assembly reiterates former recommendations, favouring Sabbath School Conventions, Teachers' Meetings, Coloured Sabbath Schools, the co-operation of the children of the Church in the work of Missions, and special preaching by ministers to the children of the Church and Sabbath School.

The concluding part of the report recommended the publication in the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker*, of the "International Series" of Sabbath School Lessons. The Rev. W. A. Campbell presented a minority report in the form of a substitute for the last resolution; and this part of the report was adopted as follows:

In response to overtures from the Synod of Alabama, and from the Presbyteries of South Alabama and Central Texas, all of the same purport, asking for the incorporation of the text of the "International Lessons," in the *Earnest Worker*, and in view of the reference of the same subject to this Assembly, made by the Committee of Publication, in their last Annual Report, we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Assembly respectfully decline the request of the overtures, and direct the Committee of Publication to pursue the course hitherto followed in the selection and exposition of the Sabbath School Lessons.

Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, on behalf of himself and others, presented a protest against the action of the Assembly in adopting a certain part of the report of the Committee on Theological Seminaries. It was ordered that this protest be admitted to record, and Messrs. J. O. Lindsay, D. O. Davies, and A. W. Dinsmore were appointed a committee to prepare an answer to it.

The Rev. Dr. Stratton, from the Committee to whom were referred the papers containing the resignations of Drs. Wilson and Adger, reported the following paper, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom were referred the papers presenting the resignation of their respective chairs in the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C., by the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., and the Rev. John B. Adger, D. D., would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, as expressive of the sense of the Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That in deference to the request contained in the communications of the above named brethren, the terms of which request are so explicit as to preclude the hope of a withdrawal of it on their part, the Assembly hereby reluctantly accepts their resignations, to take effect at the dates indicated in their letters of resignation.

Resolved, 2. That in consenting to the retirement of these beloved brethren, after a service in the one case of four, and in the other of seventeen years, the Assembly would accord its grateful appreciation of the distinguished ability and the unvarying fidelity with which they have discharged the duties of their office. In no merely conventional sense are these words used. The monument which gives illustrious confirmation to the propriety of them may be seen by looking around upon the hundreds of scholarly theologians and efficient and pious pastors, whom the Seminary at Columbia has given to the Church; and by an inspection of the sound and hopeful condition of the resources, financial and other-

wise, of the institution. As a parent cherishes a child, Dr. Adger, in the knowledge of the whole Church, has, with a tender and an enthusiastic love, lavished both labour and means, without stint, upon the Seminary. In parting with brethren so justly endeared, the Assembly can only hope and pray that the loss it sustains may be overruled by the wise Providence of God for the increase of the usefulness and happiness of our brethren, for the good of the Church, and for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

JOS. B. STRATTON, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Messrs. J. W. Pratt, D. D., and J. M. Scott were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable paper expressing the thanks of the Assembly for kindness and hospitalities received on the present occasion.

Rev. P. P. Flournoy offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Assembly discourages the use of the International series of Sunday School lessons.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence nominated as delegates to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., and the Rev. H. C. Alexander, D. D., his alternate; also the Hon. J. A. Inglis, with Hon. Robert Ould as his alternate. This report was adopted.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 5½ o'clock to receive nominations for a Professor in the Theological Seminary in Columbia, and that the election shall be made at 9 o'clock to-night.

A recess was taken till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, *May* 30, 1874—3½ *o'clock.*

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported overture No. 8, which was placed on the docket.

The report of the Standing Committee on Education was taken up and adopted, and the blank in said paper was filled with "Memphis" as the place to which the Executive Committee was removed. The Committee then had leave to perfect their report.

The whole report, as afterwards presented and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Committee of Education have had the same under careful consideration, and beg leave to offer the following report:

The Secretary states that since the organization of the Committee there has been no year of its history which has been attended with so many circumstances to cause anxiety and produce painful mortification. The year commenced with a deficiency of $2,900. The Assembly at Little Rock appointed a special collection in June, and circulars were issued accordingly; but little attention was paid to them. The consequence

was that a number of the students became discouraged, and determined not to return to the College or Seminary, but to engage in some business by which to make money to resume their studies without embarrassment. Fewer students consequently have sought aid from the Committee during the past year than on some previous occasions. The number varies but little from the number aided last year. On account of the financial stress the regular collection in November was very small, aggregating less than $2,000. This amount was supplemented by the Secretary issuing a brief circular, calling the attention of the churches to the appalling result. Some money began to flow into the treasury, and the Committee were able to pay, at about the usual times, the first and second instalments of the appropriations to the students. But with that the flow of the money into the treasury ceased. Again the Secretary issued a circular to the pastors to bring the subject before the Church during the week of prayer. This brought temporary relief, but not enough to meet all the requirements of the case.

Several facts require the attention of the Assembly: 1st, There was a deficiency last year of $2,900. 2d, A number of students have left the Seminary or College, and resorted to secular business to support themselves. 3d, A collection was taken in June, and one in November, and additional appeals made through circulars subsequent to the November collection, and again during the week of prayer. In the language of the Report, "The Committee, through circulars issued by the Secretary, has exhausted its ability to urge this matter on the attention of the churches." The fourth fact to which we would call the attention of the Assembly is, that after all these urgent appeals there is a deficiency of $4,000.

These are painful facts, and the Executive Committee calls the special attention of the General Assembly to them, that it may devise such measures as the exigency of the case demands. While your Committee feel at a loss to know what remedy to apply, or what system to recommend, one thing seems clear to us, viz: that the present plan of simply issuing circulars will not accomplish the end desired. It will never do for the Church to go in debt or fall behind. And it will never do for those who are willing to preach the gospel to be diverted therefrom for the want of assistance in their preparatory course. We think, also, that the practice of making special appeals to the churches is calculated to prejudice them against the cause so frequently brought before them. In our judgment, one collection a year for each of the great causes of our Church is all that ought to be taken. The Secretary and the Executive Committee have faithfully done all that they could do, through appeals and special collections, and yet the result is not adequate to the wants of our candidates. The Secretary further states that the calls upon your treasury will probably be larger during the ensuing year than the past. In view of the whole case, two courses are open to the Assembly, viz.: (1,) To abolish the Committee of Education altogether, and throw the support of the candidates upon the Presbyteries, or (2,) To separate the causes of Education and Publication, elect an additional Secretary, and locate him at some central point in the West.

In conclusion, we would recommend to the Assembly for its adoption the following:

1. That we have examined the Minutes of the Executive Committee, and recommend that they be approved.

2. Presbyteries are urged to require of each candidate a semi-annual report to Presbytery of all funds received by him from the Assembly's Committee, or from church collections; and to request the Professors of the institutions in which their candidates are pursuing their studies, sessional reports of their character, diligence and proficiency in their studies.

3 The General Assembly would call the attention of all the Presbyteries to the noble example of Bethel Presbytery, South Carolina, in rais-

ing $1,600 during the past year for the support of its eight candidates for the ministry.

4. That the Executive Committee of Education shall be located at some central point in the great Western field, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in addition to visiting the Presbyteries and Synods for the purpose of raising funds, to act as a medium of communication between our candidates and the Presbyteries, for the purpose of securing prompt and remunerative employment for our candidates during their vacations. We know of no man more efficient and suitable for this work than our present Secretary, and we would be glad to see his great energies, experience, and wisdom fully engaged in this *pre-eminently important* work of beneficiary education. With the deficiency that is now upon us we will need during the coming year from 25,000 to 30,000 dollars.

5. The Presbyteries are urged to impress upon the chairmen of their Educational Committees the necessities of this cause, and instruct them to inquire of each church once a year whether a collection for this cause has been taken, and if not, to give a reason for the neglect.

6. That the Concert of Prayer, on the last Thursday of February, be observed by all the people for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the youth of our churches and all our institutions of learning, and for God's blessing on this cause.

[After it had been determined to remove the Committee to Memphis, the following was adopted:]

7. That the following persons be elected the Executive Committee of Education for the ensuing year: Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D., Secretary; James Elder, Treasurer; J. O. Stedman, D. D., Rev. W. E. Boggs, Rev. E. M. Richardson, Rev. A. Shotwell, M. P. Jarnagin, B. M. Estes, J. B. Griffing, W. W. Armstrong, A. C. Ewell.

8. That all books and papers be transferred from the former Executive Committee to the Committee hereby appointed.

JOHN L. YANTIS, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would report on the subject of the letter from the deputies to this body from the Free Church of Scotland. We recommend the adoption of the following paper:

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States has received with great pleasure the commission, with accompanying documents, of the Rev. James Chalmers Burns, M. A., and the Rev. James Hood Wilson, M. A., deputies from the Free Church of Scotland to this Assembly, appointed to visit us and "express the cordial feelings of affection and respect entertained by the Assembly which they represent" toward the Church which we represent. This Assembly sincerely regrets that the other official engagements of these distinguished brethren rendered it impossible for them to be present at our sessions; and that we have been, on that account, denied the privilege of returning to them, and through them to the Church to which they belong, our fraternal salutations, and the sentiments of profound and affectionate regard which we entertain for the Free Church of Scotland. We have not been unobservant, indifferent spectators of the noble stand taken by that Church in behalf of sound doctrine and of the crown-rights of our Divine Lord. With ourselves, they are witness-bearers for Christ's Kingship in Zion, even "unto the spoiling of their goods."

We cordially reciprocate the expressions of esteem and affection contained in the letters of the deputies to this body, and desire them to

convey to their General Assembly our fraternal salutations, and our God-speed to the venerable Church which they represent, in all its endeavours to advance the cause of our common Redeemer and Lord.

The Assembly directs that the letter of the deputies be printed in the Appendix to our Minutes; and that the Stated Clerk forward to them copies, when printed, of the Minutes of this Assembly, and of the Annual Reports of our several Executive Committees, with any other documents or publications he may deem suitable.

Whereas, The General Assembly learns that the Rev. John Leyburn, D. D., of Baltimore, and the Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., are now in Europe, and may find it in their power to visit some of the churches or ecclesiastical bodies which have proposed correspondence with this General Assembly and our Church, these brethren are hereby appointed our delegates, to bear to them our christian salutations, as the opportunity for so doing may be offered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. KIRKPATRICK, *Chairman.*

The following vote of thanks was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly is hereby tendered to the citizens of Columbus and vicinity for their kindness and generous hospitality during the meeting which has been held in this place.

The subject of an African Church was taken up, and the following paper was unanimously adopted:

Overture No. 8 is a paper adopted by the Synod of South Carolina in November, 1872, and which was providentially hindered from being laid before the General Assembly which met at Little Rock last year. It declares that, "in the judgment of the said Synod, the way is clear (the General Assembly concurring) for our ministers to assist the coloured people to organize themselves into Presbyterian churches, separate from our Presbyteries, with the understanding that they may look to us for religious instruction, as far as we can furnish it, until God, in His providence, shall raise up competent ministers of their own to lead them in the right way."

In view of the above, and to promote harmony of view and action in the whole Church, the Synod overtures the Assembly to reconsider the plan recommended by the Assembly in 1869. This action of Synod was re-affirmed at their next meeting.

Overture No. 9 is a memorial from the Presbytery of East Hanover, asking the Assembly "to take order as far as practicable for organizing the coloured members into a separate ecclesiastical organization," this being, in the judgment of Presbytery, the best solution of difficulties supposed to be connected with the plan of having both races associated in a common organization; it being also the plan which is most acceptable to the coloured people themselves, and which, moreover, experience has shown to be most successful. Presbytery invites attention to a paper to be presented to this Assembly from the Synod of Mississippi, in which these views are more fully presented.

Overture No. 10 represents that, in the judgment of the Synod of Memphis, our Church can most efficiently promote the spiritual interests of the coloured people by organizing them into a separate church; and that it is our duty to initiate such a work at the earliest day. The Assembly is thereupon overtured to provide a plan for the use of our Presbyteries in prosecuting such a work, and is also requested to pledge the Church to assist the enterprise with whatever counsel, instruction, or pecuniary aid may be in our power.

Overture No. 11 is a memorial from the Synod of Mississippi, reciting the action of the Assembly in previous years with a view to evangelize the coloured people. It sets forth that the several acts of the Assembly's past legislation indicate that the sentiment of our Church has been steadily moving in this direction, and that a natural instinct leads the colored people to desire a separate organization; and that the most hopeful prospect of usefulness to them is that which can best assist them in the process of self-development, upon which they have entered. Such being the case, the Synod asks the Assembly to consider that the policy of advancing the work of evangelization among the coloured people, by aiding them to secure separate organization and a ministry of their own, is simple, natural, and flexible; and further asks the Assembly to enact such legislation as will enable Presbyteries and churches to carry these suggestions into effect.

These overtures, coming at the same time from venerable courts in sections of the country so widely separated, clearly indicate that there is no disposition to relax our activity in the work of securing the blessings of the gospel for the coloured race. On the contrary, from all parts of the Church, the Assembly is respectfully urged to provide means for prosecuting that work with greater vigour and success. There is also a striking unanimity of sentiment in reference to the best method of accomplishing these results.

We recommend. in answer to these overtures, that

The Assembly acknowledges with profound satisfaction the Christian zeal of our Synods and Presbyteries in behalf of this important work.

The Assembly approves the sentiment of those venerable courts; that, in further prosecuting this work, it is desirable in every respect to avail ourselves of the additional light which experience has thrown upon this important question. The action of 1869 is therefore hereby amended by the adoption of the following plan, to wit:

1. Presbyteries and Sessions are recommended to encourage and aid in the formation of coloured churches, having ruling elders duly chosen by the people, to be regularly ordained and installed by said Sessions and Presbyteries, with the view to form these churches in due time into Presbyteries, as convenience may dictate.

2. When two or more of such Presbyteries shall exist, they may unite to form a Synod. As was the case in our own history, this may for a time continue to be their highest court. A time, however, may arrive when, from the increase in the number of its churches and Presbyteries, said Synod may find it expedient to divide, and combine in a General Assembly.

3. These churches, though under the government of their own Presbyteries, must at first and to a large extent be dependent for instruction upon our own ministers and Presbyteries, until coloured preachers can be obtained. It is therefore recommended that, for the present, Presbyteries, through committees appointed for that purpose, take charge of the preliminary education of candidates. Meantime the Committee on Sustentation are requested to take into consideration the best method of providing training for the coloured candidates for the ministry, and report thereupon to the next Assembly.

4. We recommend to our Presbyteries a hearty co-operation with their's in seeking from amongst them men of approved piety, whether old or young, who are suited to the work of the ministry, and institute such measures as may seem best for their instruction. It may be sufficient for the present emergency that the candidates be instructed in the doctrines of grace and in the principles of Church order, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures and in our standards, in order that, as soon as practicable, they may be sent forth to minister in the Word.

5. We further recommend that our churches and people assist these infant organizations whilst they are struggling toward complete develop-

ment, aiding in the establishment and instruction of Sunday Schools, and contributing to the erection of plain and modest houses in which to assemble for the worship of God.

6. To further these objects, a separate fund shall be established, to be called "*The Coloured Evangelistic Fund.*" This fund shall be administered by the Sustentation Committee, and that Committee is requested to invite contributions to their fund from all persons who are favourable to the work of evangelizing the coloured people of the South, and favourable to providing them with an educated ministry of their own.

7. Presbyteries engaged in this work are authorized to enter into correspondence with the Sustentation Committee, and to request such aid and co-operation as their necessities may require and as the condition of the fund may enable the Committee to give.

The Committee recommend that the overtures answered by the above paper be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The hour for nominations to fill the Chair of Church Government and History having arrived, the Assembly united in prayer for divine direction in this important duty, after which nominations were duly made.

It was ordered that the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Publication be made the first order for to-night.

The Committee on a General Presbyterian Council made a report, which was made the second order.

A recess was taken till 8½ o'clock to-night.

SATURDAY NIGHT, *May* 30—8½ *o'clock.*

The Assembly met. The thanks of the Assembly were returned to all those railroad companies which had made a reduction of fare to its members.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Leave of Absence would respectfully report that they have granted permission to return to their respective homes to the following members, for reasons which they conscientiously believe would excuse them at God's bar:

Revs. A. L. Crawford, D. A. Campbell, J. E. Bright, D. D., T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., A. W. Gaston, R. K. Smoot, and G. P. Richardson; Elders G. M. Edgar, J. Q. Ward, C. F. Read, R. R. Spann, J. T. Walsh, J. I. Scales, C. H. Robinson, D. H. Bishop, J. C. Baker, James Fentress, W. L. Whitman, and M. H. Carson.

The report of the Committee concerning a General Presbyterian Council was taken up, and, after discussion, the following substitute, offered by Rev. H. M. Smith, D. D., was adopted:

In answer to the overture from a Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and from ministers of other Presbyterian churches, touching a conference of representatives of the various Presbyterian bodies throughout the world, with a view of "coming into formal communion with each other, and of pro-

moting great causes by joint action," this Assembly respectfully submits that we most heartily sympathise with every desire to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. Nevertheless, in forming relations with other bodies, we are to be governed by our recognized principles of government. We must, therefore, respectfully decline this request, since, in our judgment, Church courts, as such, cannot recognize the principle of an irresponsible alliance. The only question we can properly consider is the principle of co-ordination with courts constituted according to our Presbyterian form of government.

The Moderator then announced the following names, to constitute the Committee of Conference with the Committee of the Northern General Assembly, viz.:

Rev. William Brown, D. D., Rev. R. P. Farris, D. D., Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., Chancellor J. A. Inglis, Hon. B. M. Estes. This appointment was confirmed by a rising vote of the Assembly, which vote was, with but two exceptions, unanimous.

The Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., was, by vote of the Assembly, appointed alternate to any member of the Committee who may fail to attend.

The Assembly then proceeded, at 9 o'clock, to the election of a Professor in the Theological Seminary at Columbia; and the vote, which was taken by ballot, resulted in the election of the Rev. Alexander Martin, of Danville, Virginia, which appointment was made unanimous by a rising vote, and the Rev. Drs. Howe and Plumer were appointed to inform him of his election, and endeavour to secure his acceptance. It was also resolved that in case Mr. Martin should decline to accept this appointment, the Board of Directors are hereby empowered to supply that department of instruction for the year.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication was taken up and adopted. This report is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Publication, report to the General Assembly as follows:

1. The work of the Committee during the year has been prosecuted by the Secretary and others, with ability, fidelity, and prudence.

2. The business of the Committee experienced the effects of the great financial derangement of the country, felt by all other kinds of business, but without permanent damage; the net profit of the year being $3,683.61, and the increase of business assets, (including this profit, and $1,527.33 added by the churches to the endowment,) being $5.210.94. The sales during the year were $32,082.64. Donations from the churches and other sources for general purposes, $7,552.59, and for the Publishing House, $9,235.97. Grants of books and tracts by the Committee, $5,751.98. The amount of business assets is now, $46,917, and of the business capital or Endowment Fund, $38,668.69; of which, however, more than $21 000 is in permanent stock, including stereotyped plates and store fixtures, leaving a little over $17,400 for the ordinary business.

3. The Committee's issues from the press during the year were: Bound Volumes, 20,250; Tract Volumes, 20,000; Catechisms,52,500; Psalms and Hymns, 7,500; Tracts, pages, 1,400,000; Envelopes, 450,000; Circulars, 55,700; Tickets for Sabbath Schools, 1,000,000; Choctaw

Hymn Books, 2,000; Choctaw Spelling Books, 2,000; Choctaw Catechisms, 2,000; Class Books, 1,000; *Children's Friend*, semi-monthly edition, 24,500; monthly edition, 3,500; *Earnest Worker*, 3,400, weekly; Lesson Papers, 7,000, weekly; Voice of Praise, 7,500; Hymns of Voice of Praise, 5000.

Two new works of special great value were brought out during the year, "The Spiritual Kingdom," by Dr. Ramsey, and the "Book of Hymns and Tunes." The latter your Committee believe to be a book of unusual excellence, meeting a conscious want of the Church. The Executive Committee also acknowledge the presentation, by Dr. Stuart Robinson, of the stereotyped plates of his work, "Discourses of Redemption;" and by Dr. Grasty, of his "Memoir of Rev. Dr. Samuel B. McPheeters.

4. The work of Colportage, which has been committed by the Assembly wholly to the Presbyteries, has been successfully conducted by a number of the Presbyteries, and other Presbyteries have resolved to begin it; but the number of these Presbyteries is small relatively to those that have done nothing in this work.

5. The Executive Committee, acting under authority conferred by the last Assembly, having obtained a charter from the Legislature of Virginia, have organized as a Board of Trustees, and accepted the charter; thus making it secure so far as it may be judged proper by the Assembly to use it; but have not yet placed the property of which it has charge in the legal custody of the corporation; continuing to hold the property and to do its business as heretofore, and awaiting final instructions from this Assembly. Your Committee is of opinion that this measure has been wisely taken, to remove great inconvenience in the transaction of the business of the Committee, to enable the Committee to receive devises or bequests in Virginia, and to prevent failures of devises or bequests which might occur without the incorporation of the Committee. We judge that there is no reasonable ground for apprehension of the corporation becoming independent of the Assembly, as members of the corporation must be members of the Assembly's Executive Committee, who are appointed and removable by the Assembly. We are further of opinion, after careful consideration, and using the most satisfactory sources of information, that the charter obtained is valid, and that there is not the shadow of a ground for distrust, or question of the safety to the Church of all the property that may be covered by it.

6. Your Committee regard with some solicitude the incumbrance of the Publishing House, purchased under instructions by the last Assembly, with a debt of about $35,000; believing it to be unwise ordinarily, as a principle of business, for an enterprise to incur a debt of such large proportion to its means, and in considerable part for investment and income apart from its business. The largeness of the debt the Executive Committee ascribe, we think justly, to the extraordinary financial crisis during the latter part of last year, and to the great inclemency over nearly all the South, of the day appointed by the Assembly for a special collection for the building—which had the effect of thinning the congregations, causing the collections to fall short of the reasonable expectations of the Committee and of the Assembly. While we think there is some ground for solicitude, and the purchase, if now a question before the Assembly, with such an insufficient response from the churches from any cause, it might be judged ought not to be made; yet, in the circumstances, the reasons for endeavouring to hold the property appear to us conclusive. The time is not distant, we trust, when, with a continued increase of the business, the whole of the property will be required for the business, and none of it be continued as an investment for income. The response of the last year, we believe, is not to be taken as the judgment of the Church, that this important branch of its work is not to be advanced to proportions corresponding to this purchase; and with renewed recommen-

dation by this Assembly, our people, we think, will respond liberally with means for completing the purchase, or diminishing the debt.

7. Your Committee have had under consideration measures to be suggested to the Assembly for the relief of the Secretary, Dr. Baird, from some of his increasing and oppressive labours, under which, we have learned with regret, his health has begun to suffer. If it shall be the pleasure of the Assembly to appoint another Secretary for the Committee of Education, and release Dr. Baird from the duties of that office, as recommended by another Committee, nothing further, probably, will be required. Should the Assembly, however, judge that Dr. Baird cannot be spared from that work, we recommend that the Assembly direct the Executive Committee of Publication to furnish him such assistance as will give him the required relief.

Touching matters referred by the Executive Committee to the Assembly for instruction, and others requiring an expression from the Assembly, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

1. The General Assembly approves the organization of the Executive Committee under the act of incorporation obtained from the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, and orders the Committee to put the property of which it has charge in the legal custody of the corporation.

2. The Assembly recommends to all the churches to make collections for the Publishing House Fund on the first Sabbath of December next, and especially commends this important enterprise to the liberality of persons of means.

3. The Assembly advises the Executive Committee to make no further investment in stereotyped plates, except books demanded by church necessities, or known to be of great demand.

4. The Executive Committee are authorized to make such arrangements as may appear best to them, with Rev. A. J. Witherspoon, of New Orleans, for the sale of their publications, and the collection of funds, provided the expenses of his labour shall not exceed the amount of profits upon sales of publications made by him.

5. The General Assembly earnestly urges upon all the Presbyteries the work of colportage; it commends the books of the Committee to the churches and the people; and especially recommends to pastors and sessions, for Sabbath Schools, the books of the Committee suitable for Sabbath School libraries, and the papers of the Committee, the *Children's Friend* and the *Earnest Worker*.

6. The Assembly especially calls attention to the new "Book of Hymns and Tunes," and recommends its use in all our churches and families.

7. The following persons shall constitute the Executive Committee of Publication for the ensuing year: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., Secretary; Charles Gennet, Treasurer; Revs. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Wm. Brown, D. D., Charles H. Read, D. D., T. L. Preston, D. D., W. A. Campbell, and Ruling Elders Hons. W. F. Taylor, E. H. Fitzhugh, B. R. Welford, and Robert Ould.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read by the Rev. Dr. Turner, Chairman of the Committee, and was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence was taken up and adopted; and the Rev. J. O. Lindsay and the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., were appointed to prepare the pastoral therein provided for. The report is as follows:

That of the fifty-seven Presbyteries connected with the General Asembly forty-four present reports, while thirteen are delinquent. Your Committee complain of many of the reporting Stated Clerks, who neglect to conform their reports to the requirements of the Assembly; so that the reports, when made, do not fairly represent the state of liberality in churches which do contribute. This is greatly to be lamented, as it places our Church, which is small, at still greater disadvantage, by suppressing the measure of liberality and sacrifice which they really exhibit in the cause of Christian giving.

If called for, the Committee will present and record some of these reports to illustrate and justify this criticism. From the forty-four reports presented the following facts are gathered:

Presbyteries reporting, 1874	44	not reporting	13
" " 1873	38	" "	19
Total amount collected, 1874	$257,457	1873	$224,852
Number of churches contributing to five objects, 1874	306		
" " " " " 1873	257		
" " " " " 1872	208		

This shows a steady and gratifying increase.

Number of churches contributing to none, 1874	308
" " " " 1873	111
Total number reporting any collection	1,152
Unheard from	433

The object of the Assembly is to have a collection taken by every church, and then a report made of the same by the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries.

The reports of this year show a gratifying increase in some respects over the last; but still a most deplorable deficiency exists, either in the religious devotion of the means of the church member, or in the reports made by the Presbyteries of the actual state of facts.

The duty of the churches to contribute of their substance to the objects presented by the Assembly is manifest, and the duty of Presbyteries to report the same is plain; and the solemn rebuke of the Assembly is deserved by delinquent churches and Presbyteries in these respects.

Your Committee recommend that a column be added to the blanks furnished by the Committee of Publication, to enable the six objects to be reported.

And 2d, that a Pastoral Letter be addressed by this Assembly to the churches (to be read from every pulpit), setting forth the duty in this matter of taking and reporting collections.

3d, That Presbyteries take order that this letter be read in our vacant churches.

In regard to the time of taking collections for the different objects of benevolence, your Committee recommend that no change be made in the present arrangement.

Respectfully submitted.

R. K. Smoot, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presenting (Overture No. 7,) another plan for raising the Commissioners' and Contingent Fund, was taken up and adopted. It is as follows:

Overture No. 7, is a request from the Synod of Texas and from the Presbytery of Brazos, and also from the Presbytery of Texas, that the Assembly adopt a system of *per capita* assessment to defray the expenses of the Commissioners and Contingent Fund, and that the rate of assessment, at present, be fixed at *ten cents* for each communicant of the Church.

It is recommended that the request be granted, and that, in order to initiate the plan, the Assembly adopts the following rules, subject to such modifications as experience may show to be advisable, to wit:

1. There shall be appointed at each meeting of the Assembly a standing committee of the *Commissioners' Fund*, who shall present an estimate of the amount needed to defray the contingent expenses of the next Assembly, and also the travelling expenses of its members, with a statement of the *per capita* rate necessary to secure it.

2. Presbyteries, at the next stated meeting after the adjournment of the Assembly, shall apportion, as they may deem best, the amount required from the communicants within their bounds.

3. Churches shall be instructed to pay over their respective apportionments at the stated meeting of Presbytery, next preceding the meeting of the Assembly, and the amount due from the Presbytery shall be forwarded by the commissioners.

4. The apportionment of each Presbytery, and the bill of the travelling expenses of its commissioners, shall be presented to the Standing Committee as early as the fifth day of the sessions of the Assembly.

5. The Standing Committee shall reserve from the amount received enough for the contingent expenses of the Assembly, and shall then proceed to audit the bills of the commissioners, and pay the *pro rata*, as far as the funds received will permit, the surplus, if any, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Assembly.

6. Presbyteries must contribute their full proportion, according to the *per capita* rule, in order to avail themselves of the proceeds of this fund.

7. Every church contributing to the fund shall be entitled to a copy of the Annual Minutes of the Assembly.

8. The travelling expenses of Commissioners from Presbyteries in foreign lands shall be estimated from their place of residence in this country.

9. Every Presbytery, therefore, is hereby requested to forward to the Standing Committee on the Commissioners' Fund of the next Assembly, an amount equal to ten cents for every communicant under the care of their churches, as determined by the statistical report herewith printed.

Their Commissioners will consequently be entitled to a full share in the apportionments of the fund, and it is believed that, if the Presbyteries comply with this requirement, all these expenses of the Contingent Fund of the Assembly will be fully met.

Rev. J. W. Pratt offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the whole foreign field lies outside of the purview of the Constitution of the Church at the time of its adoption, this Assembly emphatically declares that no action it has ever taken, or may take, erecting Presbyteries in such foreign fields, shall be interpreted as violating that provision of the Constitution, which vests in the Synod alone the power to erect new Presbyteries.

The report of the Board of Trustees was approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. (See Appendix, No. VI.)

Rev. Mr. Lindsay read an answer to the protest in relation

to Columbia Theological Seminary, which was adopted. The protest and answer are as follows:

PROTEST.

The undersigned respectfully offer for record this, their protest, against the latter of the two resolutions which were appended, by way of amendment, to the report of the Committee on Theological Seminaries, and, by a small majority, adopted by the General Assembly. The grounds of protest are,

1. By the adoption of the resolution the General Assembly has set an example of dangerous tendency. The difficulty in the Seminary at Columbia, which was made the occasion for the resolution, was one of discipline merely, such as came within the authority and control of the Faculty of the institution. Under the Constitution and laws prescribed by the General Assembly for the government of the Seminary, they were competent to do whatever the case required. They were equally competent in respect of their moral qualifications, their intelligence, prudence and piety; otherwise, this Assembly could not have adopted, by a unanimous vote, a resolution declaring its confidence in them. Or, if the Faculty were deficient in either of these particulars, surely the Board of Directors must be held sufficient, both in authority and wisdom, to supply such deficiency by their counsel and advice. For the General Assembly to allow itself to be invoked for the purpose of settling matters pertaining to the internal discipline—the mere police—of the Seminary, when this has been so amply provided for in the authority and duties assigned by the Constitution to the Faculty and the Board, is, in our view, at once unnecessary and incompatible with the proper dignity of the body. Then the trouble and loss of time involved in such a task would render it an intolerable burden on the Assembly. We appeal to the experience of the present Assembly for a confirmation of this position. This is the first occasion since the establisment of Theological Seminaries that so disagreeable a work has been imposed on the highest court of the Church; we fear that, under the impulse and protection of the precedent now set, it will not be the last.

2. The resolution referred to, the circumstances in which it was adopted being considered, is, in its practical effects, subversive of the wholesome and needful discipline of the Seminary. Certain students refused to obey a regulation which the Faculty made. To our minds it is perfectly clear that the Faculty had full authority, both from their general pastoral relation to the students, and from the express terms of the Constitution of the Seminary, to make the regulation in question. They deemed it advisable with a view to the spiritual welfare of the students; and such being their opinion, they were bound by their obligations to the Church and their "oath of office" to make it; and if to make it, then to enforce it by the exercise of all legitimate authority. The General Assembly has now adopted a resolution which is susceptible of an interpretation, and we believe will receive an interpretation, favourable to the students and adverse to the Faculty in the issue between the parties. It suggests to the Faculty, very respectfully and kindly indeed, but still under the circumstances of the case, very significantly and potently, that they yield to the demand of the students in the point, and the only point with respect to which the students had assumed an attitude of persistent disobedience. Of course such a suggestion from this body will be regarded by the Faculty as having the force of an order to them. It will be regarded by the students as a victory on their part in a contest in which their feelings were warmly enlisted. It seems to us that the certain effect of this action of the Assembly must be to weaken the authority of the Faculty, and to render the exercise of discipline in the Seminary a matter of extreme difficulty, if not of utter impossibility.

3. The ground on which the students above referred to placed the vindication of their conduct—resisting the authority of the Faculty—as appeared from letters of those students, on record and laid before the Assembly, and on which their conduct has been defended and even justified in the discussions on the floor of this Assembly, does, in our opinion, involve a principle, in ethics and in religion, unscriptural, unsound, and eminently dangerous. The principle is, that one's own scruples of conscience will absolve him from the obligations of his most solemn promise, or oath, voluntarily made. These students had made and subscribed a pledge to obey the laws of the Seminary as long as they remained members of the institution. They sought to remain members of the Seminary, although confessing that they had disobeyed the regulation of the Faculty above referred to, and declaring their purpose to continue to disobey it. Their excuse for this was that, in their view, the requirement of the Faculty was an invasion of the right of private judgment and of conscience. To some it might seem strange that so much room and occasion for conscientious scruples should be found in a regulation which simply required, even when most rigorously construed, that, as students in a Seminary for the training of ministers of the gospel, they should attend a Sabbath forenoon's service of public worship conducted by their own professors, in their own chapel; attend there and then, even though this should deprive them of the privilege of attending *at that particular hour* the services in a church in the city, in or near which the Seminary is situated, which they had previously been accustomed, and may still have preferred to attend. But passing by this, we wish merely to say that, whilst freely and fully conceding that these young brethren, respecting whom we have from the Faculty accounts in all other particulars favourable, pursued a course which at the time they thought right, they laboured under a grave mistake as to the duty which an enlightened conscience would have dictated. That duty was to have promptly, quietly, and respectfully withdrawn from the Seminary when they discovered that they could not conscientiously obey a regulation made by the Faculty; not to remain there in a position of open defiance of authority, and compel the Faculty to proceed to sterner measures of discipline. We mention this not with any view of placing on record any censure of these young brethren, from whose labours in the gospel we pray and trust the Church may yet derive many benefits, but for the purpose of making plain the ground of our protest against the perverted view of the office of conscience under which they appear to have acted, which has been urged in their defence on the floor of this Assembly, and which we fear, however little such a result is intended, has received and will receive no slight encouragement from the action of this body. That perverted view is the doctrine commonly designated as the "Higher Law." We deem it neither proper nor necessary to do more than name it.

4. Forbearing to speak of the embarrassment which this action of the Assembly will create in the Faculty and Board of the Seminary, or of the sad consequences to that beloved institution, some of which have already manifested themselves, and which we are painfully impressed with the conviction must follow from it, we add only that in nothing set forth or intimated in this protest do we design any question or imputation of the motives of the majority of the Assembly by whom the resolution complained of was passed. We think they were mistaken in judgment; we have no doubt they were conscientious in their act.

Very respectfully submitted.

Signed by J. L. Kirkpatrick, J. Stephenson Frierson, H. T. Morton, E. M. Richardson, L. D. Stockton, George A. Hogsett, C. H. Robinson, R. L. McMurran, T. G. Culp, J. W. Pratt, Robert L. Breck, S. J. Bingham, R. R. Spann, R. S. McAllister, F. Stringer, Joseph B. Stratton, Hillery Mosely, William Hall, George W. Ewell, A. H. Phillips, J. A. Kimmons, Joseph A. Waddell, J. H. Hill, J. T. Walsh, D. H. Bishop,

B. L. Beall, A. A. Dickerson, J. Simpson Frierson, W. A. Campbell, T. C. Barret, B. M. Smith (Va.,) R. P. Farris, E. V. Conway, A. H. McClintic, W. K. Marshall, R. H. Watkins, William Dinwiddie.

REPLY TO PROTEST.

The committee appointed to prepare a reply to the protest of Dr. Kirkpatrick and others against the latter of the two resolutions appended, by way of amendment, to the report of the Committee on Theological Seminaries, respectfully report:

Before proceeding to a specific notice of the grounds of protest as stated in the paper, two general remarks may be proper:

First, On mature consideration, the General Assembly fails to discover the relevancy of much which the protest contains. Many, perhaps most, of the statements made by the protestants seem, in the judgment of the Assembly, to concern utterances of members in debate rather than the utterance of the Assembly in the resolution adopted.

Secondly, It is noticeable that the protestants do not intimate any transgression of law or violation of constitutional right by the Assembly in the action complained of. All the grave charges of evil done and of evil apprehended, are based on a mere difference as to the wisdom or expediency (using that word in its high Christian sense) of the course pursued.

1. As to the first ground of protest, it may be sufficient to say, the whole matter was brought to the attention of the Assembly in due and regular course of business. Having been presented to the Assembly in an orderly manner, a decision of the case, one way or another, was absolutely necessary. Whatever the matter was—whether "mere police" or something else—it was a subject which, in substance and in form, according to the Constitution and laws of the Columbia Seminary, this Assembly may always, and in any such case as that presented, *must* consider and conclude. The force of this objection, if any force it have, lies, therefore, against the Constitution and laws of the Seminary, rather than against the action of this Assembly.

2. It is respectfully denied that the action of the Assembly protested against subverts the discipline of the Seminary. Moreover, this action was not intended, nor is it adapted, so far as the Assembly can judge, to subvert discipline. Indeed, it has nothing whatever to do with discipline. The discipline deemed proper by the Faculty, in connection with this subject, was administered, and now remains in force. The Assembly does not propose to interfere with that discipline. A singular misapprehension seems to pervade the minds of the protestants in this regard. Nor is the Assembly responsible, in any case, for a captious and unwarranted interpretation of its action.

3. The Assembly cannot think it necessary to reply to this discussion on conscience and liberty. Surely the protestants cannot mean to intimate that the Assembly gives countenance, even the slightest, to the views they are here combating. And surely it cannot be necessary to repel, in the name of this venerable court, imputations which are not made.

4. Regretting any divisions among brethren on such an important subject, which, however to be deplored, are sometimes inevitable, we beg to remind all concerned that the action complained of is the action of this Assembly, to be respected and observed as such.

J. O. Lindsay,
D. O. Davies,
A. W. Dinsmore, } *Committee.*

Upon reports made by the respective Committees at various times during the meeting of the Assembly, the following Synod-

ical Records were approved as far as written, viz.: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Memphis, Mississippi, Nashville, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

The Records of the Synod of North Carolina were approved, with the exception that the Address to the Churches adopted by the Synod of 1872, referred to on page 253, also the Address of 1873, referred to on pages 299 and 300, are not recorded in the book.

The Committees to review the Records of the Synods of Kentucky and Missouri, reported that none had been placed in their hands.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia was, by a unanimous vote of the Assembly, empowered to meet this year on the 22d day of September, instead of the second Thursday of June; and the place in the Board made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. L. Girardeau was filled by the appointment of the Rev. Donald McQueen, D. D.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Moderator, for the manner in which he had presided over its deliberations.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

It was then ordered that this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to meet in the Pine-Street Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, Missouri, on the third Thursday in May, 1875, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with singing and with prayer, and the benediction by the Moderator.

WILLIAM BROWN, *Permanent Clerk.*
JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee appointed by the General Assembly to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion within its bounds beg leave respectfully to submit the following, to-wit:

Narratives from fifty-two of the sixty-three Presbyteries in connection with the General Assembly furnish materials for a report, encouraging rather than otherwise. While some of the churches within the bounds of the several Presbyteries have been delinquent in this important matter, most of them have submitted reports of the state of religion in the midst of them, thus exhibiting their sense of obligation to those who are over them in the Lord, as well as their profound interest in the cause of vital godliness.

Despite the unfavourable influences brought to bear upon our people by the disasters which have befallen them, the consequent hardness of the times, the necessitated struggle for existence, the pressure of temptation to worldliness, the trial of faith, in the oft-repeated inquiry, "Where is thy God?" and the diversified assaults upon the body of Christ, the general attendance upon the means of grace on the Lord's day has been gradually increasing, a more fixed and devout attention to the ministry of the word has been manifested. Ministers, elders, parents, and guardians of youth have exhibited increasing interest in the Sabbath School; the number of pupils in these nurseries of the church has been greatly enlarged. Church Sessions have shown a deepening sense of responsibility with regard to this great auxiliary to the dispensation of the truth; greater efforts have been made to mould the character of the young in accordance with the teachings of our standards of Christian doctrine; vigorous efforts have been made, and not without success, to induce the children of the Church to make themselves perfectly familiar with the Shorter Catechism; the blessing of God has accompanied the labours of pastors and teachers among the children of their charge; and of those who have been made the subjects of renewing grace during the past year, no small proportion belonged to the Sabbath School. Jesus has taken the lambs of the flock into His own arms, and blessed them. He sweetly said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and, drawn by His grace, under the ministry of their teachers, many have yielded to his gracious invitation, saying:

> "Just as I am, without one plea,
> But that the Saviour died for me,
> O Lamb of God, I come."

Most of the Presbyteries report increased attention to the duty of family worship, and to the weekly prayer meeting; yet there is sad evidence that all our people are not as sensible as they should be of their obligations with regard to these important means of grace.

Very little is said in the narratives from the Presbyteries concerning the observance of the monthly concert of prayer, of the day of prayer for our Seminaries of learning, and of the week of prayer for the evangelization of the nations. Yet there is reason for the belief that these important seasons have not been neglected, and that the fervent cries of God's people have not been unheard. Many of our youth have received the baptism of the Spirit. When the question has been asked, in view of the great destitution in heathen lands, "Whom shall I send?" more than one, or two, or three hearts have responded, "Here am I, send me." The growing conflicts between truth and error, and the shaking of the nations, indicate that God's people have been wrestling, and not in vain, at a throne of grace.

The Presbyteries generally report diligence, fidelity and zeal on the part of ministers of the gospel in their respective fields of labour. Corresponding to this is the encouraging report that God has not left Himself without a witness. Additions have been made to most, if not all of the churches under the care of this Assembly during the past year. To many of the churches large additions have been made. In some places the work of grace has been truly remarkable. Some of the churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri have been signally blessed. The cities of Knoxville and St. Louis especially have experienced remarkable outpourings of the Spirit. The occurrence of financial embarrassments, and the visitation of the plague in the form of cholera and yellow fever, so well fitted to excite in the natural heart rebellion against divine Providence, seem to have been overruled for good. "The poor man cried, and the Lord heard him. They looked unto Him and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed." "He took them up out of the horrible pit and the miry clay, and put a new song into their mouths."

The several narratives afford satisfactory evidences that increasing attention is given to the several great schemes of Christian benevolence. Giving is beginning to be regarded as an act of worship. The contributions to the support of the gospel are slowly but steadily increasing. Even feeble churches, that enjoy but a small portion of the labours of a minister, have learned to respond to the calls of our Secretaries for aid in carrying on the great work of Foreign and Domestic Missions, of Education, of Publication, and of contributing to the necessities of the widows and orphans of faithful servants of God, who, having consecrated their lives and their all to the service of their Master, fell with the harness on, leaving their beloved ones in the depths of poverty.

There is reason to hope that the time is not far distant when all our churches will heed the divine admonition, "Bring all your tithes into the store-house of the Lord, and prove Me herewith, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it." There are manifest signs of growth in our Church—growth in numbers, growth in piety, growth in usefulness, growth in zeal, growth in unity, growth in attachment to the standards of our Church. We have great cause for thankfulness on account of the great increase in the number of candidates for the ministry, and in the growing prosperity of our Theological Seminaries. The close of the late war found them in a crippled condition; but the hearts of God's people have been opened, and the wants of these schools of the prophets have been abundantly supplied. While we mourn that we cannot send the bread of life to all who crave it, we rejoice that the number of the sons of the prophets is steadily increasing. The Church is rejoicing to-day in the fruits of the labours of those faithful men of God who, through long years, have been training her sons for the work of the ministry; and in future years the Church will doubtless rejoice still more in the golden harvest, gathered from the fields where they have sown the seed and bedewed it with their prayers and tears.

The harmony that prevails within our borders, and the friendly relations which we sustain to the churches of Jesus Christ around us, cheer our hearts and inspire the hope that the day will ere long dawn when "Ephraim shall not envy Judah; when Judah shall not vex Ephraim;" and when shall be answered the prayer of the Redeemer, "that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me."

Notwithstanding the abundant cause for encouragement with regard to the future of our Church, furnished by the narratives sent to the General Assembly, we are not free from anxiety. To pass by other sources of evil, which may well excite even alarm, we cannot conceal our dread with regard to the prevalence of intemperance in our country. The extensive manufacture of ardent spirits, the enormous traffic in them, and the extensive use of them among all classes and all ages, and their use by professors of religion, are well calculated to fill us with distress. The danger to our youth especially is truly appalling. The Church is loudly called upon to cry mightily to God to stay the ravages of the destroyer, and to stir up His people to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION.

In presenting the Eighth Annual Report of Sustentation, the Executive Committee feel that it is an occasion for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for the large degree of favour with which He has blessed the important interests entrusted to their care. Not only is it true that in a year, seven months of which have been marked by great financial trouble throughout the country, increased prosperity has crowned all the branches of the Church's work grouped under the generic name of *Sustentation;* but it is also true that the specific work of Sustentation has been prosecuted to an extent not attained for several years.

It is a subject of congratulation too, that the Scriptural and ecclesiastical principles which underlie the Assembly's schemes are becoming more generally diffused and appreciated throughout the Church, and that they meet with almost universal acceptance. A goodly number of Presbyteries are working these schemes with a degree of intelligence, system, and promptitude which give assurance of the best results.

THE SOUTHERN AID SOCIETY, N. Y.

The work of the Executive Committee, in the special department of Sustentation, has been greatly aided during the past year by appropriations from the Southern Aid Society of New York, which have been disbursed at the suggestion and under the care of your Committee. This Society, which was organized a few years before the late war, for the purpose of rendering aid to feeble churches in the Southern country, is an incorporated body, and consists of gentlemen of the highest moral and social position. For several years during and subsequent to the war, the Society had no funds to distribute, and few functions to perform, but about two years ago they came into possession of some $10,000, devised

to their Society, to be disbursed in accordance with their Constitution. This fact having been brought to the knowledge of the Executive Committee, and the further information having been obtained from a member of the Society, that they were anxious to disburse this amount with the greatest intelligence possible, and so as to secure the largest ultimate good to the Churches, one of the Secretaries, who was called to New York during the month of March, 1873, on business connected with the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, was requested to confer with the members of the Southern Aid Society, to lay before them the position and wants of our Churches, to explain the work of Sustentation in its principles and practical results, and to furnish any other information which might be desired. An interview was readily granted the Secretary, and he was met in a most cordial manner by J. H. Brower, Esq., President, and Messrs. G. G. Sampson and W. H. Price, members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Aid Society. As the result of this interview, the Society subsequently agreed to make its annual appropriations with the advice, and under the direction of the General Assembly's Committee of Sustentation. Two such appropriations have been made and disbursed during the current fiscal year, one of $2,725, in April, 1873, and another of $2,800, in March, 1874. The sum of $5,525 has thus been derived from this source during the year, and has been very helpful in sustaining the work of Christ throughout our bounds, and in giving an impulse to activities, which, but for this timely aid must have been repressed. This entire amount has been disbursed for strictly Sustentation purposes, and the whole of it in accordance with the previous requests of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees, except, perhaps, in two cases, about the propriety of which the Committee were well satisfied, and in reference to which there was not time allowed to consult the Presbyterial Committees before the recommendations had to be made. It will be observed that these amounts do not appear on the Treasurer's accounts, and are not, therefore, found among the published receipts of Sustentation. The reason of this is, that the appropriations were made specifically, as recommended by the Southern Aid Society, and entered upon their books, and the vouchers have been returned to their Treasurer to be filed away. The Executive Committee has been careful, however, to inspect the receipts before they were returned to New York, for all amounts paid out under their direction by the Treasurer of Sustentation from the Southern Aid Society, and have entered upon their records the statement that they find the accounts correct and properly vouched. It only remains to suggest in this connection, that it would be well for the General Assembly, by resolution, to acknowledge the fraternal confidence displayed by the Southern Aid Society in the method they have adopted to distribute the funds entrusted to their care, so as to make them most hopefully available for the advancement of Christ's cause in the Churches.

FINANCES.

Before proceeding to the discussion of the separate branches of the Sustentation Work, it is necessary to take a brief financial survey of the operations of the past year. The receipts from all sources—excluding the Southern Aid Society and interest—for Sustentation, have been $25,249.06, which, together with a balance on hand of $3,744.73, on April 1, 1873, and $467.62 interest, makes $29,461.41, which has been at the disposal of the Committee during the year. Of this amount, $6,301.67 was derived from legacies through the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly. Deducting this from $25,249.06, the total amount of receipts, and $18,947.39 is left as the amount of ordinary contributions, a sum less by $4,577.15 than was contributed last year for this cause. How far this deficiency is to be attributed to the increased contributions to the

Evangelistic Fund; to the operation of the financial pressure, or to the dilatoriness of Presbyteries and Churches in sending forward their contributions to the treasury, the Executive Committee are unable to say. The Treasurer's Report, however, shows that in a number of the Presbyteries—several of which have been large recipients from the Sustentation Fund—very little has been done for this cause, and it is hoped that the non-contributing Churches will speedily come forward with their proper quota of aid. The disbursements from this fund have been $26,414.36, which deducted from $29,461.41, the total of the fund, including balance of April 1, 1873, leaves $3,047.05, as a balance on hand, April 1, 1874. The second instalments of appropriations to be paid in October, amount to between $10,000 and $11,000, which will have to be somewhat increased by future appropriations, so that the receipts during the months from April to December must be large, or the painful necessity must be resorted to of curtailment in appropriations. It is believed, however, that when the non-contributing Presbyteries and Churches are made aware of the real state of the case, and of their obligations in the premises, the difficulty will be happily removed; and that, as heretofore, all appropriations can be paid in full.

The whole amount received for the Evangelistic Fund this year is $6,691.41, against $2,671.36 last year, showing an increase in this department of $4,020.05. Of this amount, $2,911.55 has been expended, leaving $3,779.86 in the treasury.

The total receipts for the Invalid Fund have been $9,340.33, which shows an increase over the former year of $1,244.71. The expenditures have been $9,117.30, which being deducted from the sum of the receipts and balance on hand April 1, 1873, there is left a balance in the treasury of $1,513.39.

RELIEF FUND.

The receipts of the Relief Fund, from annuities and interest, have been $5,252.87, and the balance in the treasury April 1, 1873, was $217.25. The expenditures have been $6,260.76, showing a balance against this fund of $790.64, to meet which, there are annuities now over due, which are nearly sufficient. During the year, $6,000 of good interest-bearing bonds have been added to the investments belonging to this fund, making the invested fund at this time $12,000, as follows:

1. 3 Bonds city of Augusta, Ga., $1,000 each, Nos. 13, 15, and 20, letter Y, dated July 1, 1865, payable July 1, 1875, (7 per cent.)..... $3,000
2. 3 Bonds Central Ohio Railroad Company, $1,000 each, Nos. 1,300, 1,301, and 1,302, dated September 1, 1863, and due September 1, 1890, (6 per cent.)..... $3,000
3. 1 $1,000 Bond (No. G. 23) City of Augusta, Ga., due May 1, 1878, (7 per cent.)..... $1,000
4. 5 City of Augusta, Ga., Bonds, Nos. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, due February 20, 1878, (7 per cent.)..... $5,000

These bonds are all deposited with J. H. Lindsay, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, who has receipted therefor to the Treasurer of Sustentation.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

In past years the expenses of the Sustentation office have been charged against the special work of Sustentation. This was for a time eminently proper, as nearly the whole labour of the office was devoted to this

department. Now, however, that the other branches of the Sustentation work have grown to such an extent, it seems just that each object should bear its proportionate share of the expense account, and it has been so ordered.

SUSTENTATION.

In approaching the discussion of the special branch of Sustentation, the Executive Committee feel, that while there has been real progress in the prosecution of this work, there is room for increased intelligence and carefulness in its management in some quarters. No amount of skill and energy evinced by the General Assemby and its Committee can supply the lack of efficiency in the Presbyteries. Indeed, the success of the whole scheme is greatly dependent upon the wisdom and activity with which it is worked by the Presbyteries and their Committees of Domestic Missions. It is just here that the General Assembly may look for the cause of the different degrees of success attained in different localities. In some places every interest is well looked after; the churches contribute liberally and regularly to the general fund; pastoral support has already attained an approximately correct standard, or at least commendable progress is being made, and there appears to be vitality and growth.

In other localities there seems to be little progress. Churches which are coming far behind their duty in pastoral support are left without proper admonition and encouragement. Congregations which, year after year, fail to heed the injunctions of ecclesiastical judicatories, in reference to collections, go unrebuked by Presbyterial authority, and a general want of interest in the success of the cause is the result. The Executive Committee can see no remedy for this state of things, except in the establishment of a more thorough supervision of the churches by the Presbyteries. This is to be attained by an interested and searching inquiry into the state of their churches, and by a system of visitation in the name of the Presbytery by Commissions. From the reports of Presbyterial Committees, it is apparent that, with very few exceptions, the practice of visiting the churches, recommended by the General Assembly several years ago, does not now exist; whereas experience does not warrant the hope that permanent progress can be established without this salutary system. Certainly, at least every church which receives aid from the general fund ought to be visited annually by some member of the Presbyterial Committee of Domestic Missions, for the purpose of inquiry into its state, to ascertain whether it cannot advance in its support of the gospel in its own bounds, and for the faithful discussion of those questions which a pastor, on account of his personal relation to them, is unable to expound with the point and practical bearing oftentimes necessary. The subject of ministerial support is one of the most vital and urgent which can entertain the mind of the Church. For the want of adequate means of living, scores of God's servants are turned aside from the ministry altogether, and hundreds are rendered comparatively inefficient. This being true, the Executive Committee is at a loss to see why all our Presbyteries may not, and ought not, to set apart a day at their spring meetings for the thorough discussion of this matter, bringing the whole subject in all its aspects under review, practically inquiring what each church is doing and ought to do in the support of its own pastor and for the general cause, and then appointing Commissions to visit the churches, with specific instructions as to each; these Commissions reporting at the fall meeting of Presbytery, and such action being then taken as may appear necessary in the premises. It seems, from every point of view, that such judicious and faithful Presbyterial supervision would be salutary; and it can hardly be doubted that the churches would, under the blessing of the divine Spirit, be stimulated thereby to a higher degree of spiritual

life and of practical working power. This subject is presented to the earnest consideration of your venerable body, with the hope that such action may be taken as will induce the Presbyteries to set on foot regular and efficient measures for the prosecution of this great work.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

There has been some improvement in pastoral support during the past year in the Presbyteries of Atlanta, Cherokee, Mississippi, Red River, Knoxville, Concord, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Harmony, Western Texas, Roanoke, and Winchester. In Cherokee, the average increase has been 25 per cent.; in Mississippi, in some cases, from 20 to 25 per cent.; in Harmony about $200. The other cases indicate some average increase, ranging from a very small amount up to $40. The Presbyteries of South Alabama, Florida, Brazos, and Abingdon, report a small decrease, that of Abingdon being the smallest, $2, and that of Brazos the largest, $113. It thus appears that in twelve Presbyteries there has been an increase in pastoral support, while in four there has been a decrease. Forty-four Presbyteries report 123 ministers, whose salaries are, apart from the Sustentation Fund, under $600, and 97 whose salaries are between $600 and $800. This shows a diminution of 21 from the report of last year of those who are receiving under $600, and an increase of 15 to the list of those whose salaries are between $600 and $800. The whole number reported as receiving under $800, is this year 220 against 226 last year. The highest average salary, outside of cities and large towns, in any Presbytery of the 39 which have reported on this point, is found in Arkansas and Tombeckbee, each of which reaches $900. Next comes Harmony, $867; then Red River, $840; then Tuscaloosa, between $800 and $900. These are all whose average, as reported, reaches $800. Seven Presbyteries report the average salary at $700 and upwards, but less than $800; 11 at $600 and upwards, but less than $700; 7 at $500 and upwards, but less than $600; 5 at $400 and upwards, but less than $500; 3 at $300 and upwards, but less than $400; and 1 reports the average at $250.

From these figures it appears that while there has been an improvement in pastoral support during the past year, and in some quarters to a very gratifying extent, there yet remains much for the Presbyteries, helped by the grace of God, to do in this direction. It also appears that the Sustentation work of the General Assembly is still absolutely needed to keep alive and foster the Churches in some of our poorer and younger Presbyteries. The fact, however, cannot be disguised, and must not in candour be withheld, that some of the Presbyteries which report among the smallest average salary in the Church are located in the best portions of the country, and are believed to possess pecuniary ability equal to the average of the Church. Their deficiency is perhaps to be accounted for by their failure to appreciate the obligations which rest upon them, growing out of defective instruction and training, and the want of Presbyterial counsel and admonition, applied through faithful and repeated visitation for the purpose.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

A tabular statement is here inserted showing the number of churches in each Presbytery and Synod which have furnished collections, for Sustentation, and for the Evangelistic and Invalid Funds, to the general treasury.

PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Collections received for Sustentation.	No. rec'd for Evangelistic Fund.	No. rec'd for Invalid Fund.	No. that ought to have been rec'd.
East Alabama	15	1	8	36
South Alabama	16	7	12	52
Tuskaloosa	20	13	14	24
Synod of Alabama	—51	—21	—34	—112
Arkansas	14	6	8	32
Indian	...	3	7	20
Ouachita	13	11	11	24
Synod of Arkansas	—27	—20	—26	—76
Atlanta	12	1	6	30
Augusta	17	9	11	37
Cherokee	15	8	4	32
Florida	13	8	8	23
Macon	6	4	4	18
Savannah	12	8	10	18
Synod of Georgia	—75	—38	—43	—158
Central Ohio	3	...	1	8
Ebenezer	...	2	6	23
Louisville	1	1	3	29
Muhlenburg	1	...	...	16
Paducah	...	...	3	9
Transylvania	3	...	...	23
West Lexington	2	3	5	27
Synod of Kentucky	—10	—6	—18	—135
Chickasaw	14	2	6	27
Memphis	17	1	11	30
North Mississippi	9	2	6	28
Tuscumbia	3	6	3	9
Western District	9	2	3	27
Synod of Memphis	—52	—13	—29	—121
Central Mississippi	17	2	10	46
Louisiana	7	3	3	13
Mississippi	9	6	14	23
New Orleans	7	6	4	19
Red River	1	3	3	15
Tombeckbee	13	...	6	44
Synod of Mississippi	—54	—20	—40	—160
Holston	5	12	5	28
Knoxville	9	8	6	23
Nashville	2	...	14	31
North Alabama	15	6	9	28
Synod of Nashville	—31	—26	—34	—110

PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Collections received for Sustentation.	No. rec'd for Evangelistic Fund.	No. rec'd for Invalid Fund.	No. that ought to have been rec'd.
Concord	1	...	12	33
Fayetteville	27	...	27	46
Mecklenburg	26	7	10	40
Orange	35	2	28	51
Wilmington	29	5	7	29
Synod of North Carolina	—118	—14	—84	—199
Bethel	12	13	8	35
Charleston	8	5	7	22
Harmony	29	25	28	41
South Carolina	32	47	27	54
Synod of South Carolina	—81	—90	—70	—152
Brazos	4	7	6	21
Central Texas	14	9	7	20
Eastern Texas	10	3	1	32
Western Texas	14	6	6	29
Synod of Texas	—42	—25	—20	—102
Abingdon	14	2	4	27
Chesapeake	17	9	9	20
East Hanover	19	9	16	27
Greenbrier	17	16	20	30
Lexington	27	23	22	42
Montgomery	16	4	10	27
Roanoke	25	19	19	30
West Hanover	22	13	12	23
Winchester	28	14	20	33
Synod of Virginia	—185	—109	—132	—259
Total of Collections	726	382	530	1584

From this statement it appears that about the same number of churches have contributed to Sustentation proper the present year as the year previous, and still less than one-half the churches under the care of the General Assembly. There has been no Church collection received from the Presbyteries of Indian, Ebenezer and Paducah for this cause. The Presbyteries of Louisville, Muhlenburg, Red River and Concord have sent one each; the Presbyteries of West Lexington and Nashville, two each; and the Presbyteries of Central Ohio, Transylvania and Tuscumbia, three each. These Presbyteries contain 243 churches, from only 17 of which collections have been sent. From one Synod less than 1-13th of the churches have sent forward collections for this object; from another less than a third of the churches; while only in the three Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia have more than one-half of the churches raised collections for this cause. These facts appear to the Executive Committee to be so significant that they ought to be brought to the attention of your venerable body; for while it is true that some of the Presbyteries mentioned above—*e. g.*, those in Kentucky, except Central Ohio, and the Presbyteries of Concord and Nashville—conduct their Sustentation work separately from the General Assembly's Committee, it is yet true that they are doing almost nothing for the general support

of the Church outside their own bounds, and are leaving the weaker and poorer Presbyteries to be cared for by others. It is also apparent that there is a sad delinquency throughout the Church in the matter of bringing this important cause to the attention of our Christian people—such a dereliction indeed as, but for the special Providential provision during the past year from legacies and the Southern Aid Society, would have wrought serious and permanent damage to the best interests of the Church.

In this connection, and prompted by reasons which grow out of the facts now stated, and knowing how inadequate will be the means likely to be at our disposal, if the present plan of conducting the collections for this cause is continued, the Executive Committee urgently recommend the General Assembly to take this subject under serious advisement, with the special view of enforcing the obligation which rests upon every church in our entire connection to contribute to this object, and the duty of Presbyteries, irrespective of their connection with the Executive Committee in the prosecution of this work, to see that their churches contribute regularly to the general fund. This is the ground taken by the General Assembly of 1866, when the plan of Sustentation was adopted; and it is the ground tacitly, if not explicitly, maintained by every Assembly since that time. And yet there are a number of the Presbyteries which appear not to acknowledge, for themselves or their churches, the obligation imposed by their relation to the whole Church and its work, and which, year after year, are doing little or nothing for the extension of the Church's area outside their own bounds, or for the support of the gospel in her feeble and more necessitous portions. It seems imminently needed that this question shall be clearly understood and decided on its own merits. If the position of former Assemblies—to wit: that the Church as a whole has the right to prosecute work for the extension and strengthening of Zion in those portions of her territory where help is needed and sought, and that it is the duty of *all* her members to aid in the work—if this position, which has heretofore been uttered by Assemblies as true beyond discussion, shall be found defective and false, then let it be repealed; but if, on the contrary, it be deemed a wise and salutary principle for the government of the Church, this General Assembly may well enforce it, as a rule which is not to lie dead upon the statute books, but which is of vital concern to all our Presbyteries and churches. Certainly, if the work of the Assembly is to prosper, it must be through the united efforts of all. One half of the Church ought not to be left to do the work of the whole.

THE BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of Sustentation, as amended by the last General Assembly, appear to the Executive Committee to be well adapted to promote the success of the work. Several of the Presbyteries, however, seem to misconstrue, or to give a very liberal interpretation to that portion of By-Law 3, which says that "no appropriation shall be made to supplement the salary given by a feeble church, unless the Presbyterial Committee, through which the application is made, can certify that * * * * the minister, is not himself engaged in any secular business, which, in the estimation of his Presbytery, interferes with his efficiency, or prevents him from the full work of his ministry." In some cases applications have been made for appropriations in behalf of ministers, the most of whose time is secularly employed—the fact being so stated; and in two instances the Presbyteries themselves have, by formal vote, endorsed the applications on the ground that these ministers are, by their secular business, enabled to live; and that they ought to be remunerated for the ministerial labour they are able to perform. In view of the fact that this is the first year of the working of this rule in its present form, and the

further fact that the Presbyteries, by formal action, had assumed this position, the Executive Committee felt that it was not best, by a refusal to accede to these requests, to raise a question of jurisdiction between themselves and the Presbyteries. The appropriations in these cases were, therefore, granted, as asked, and the question is referred to this venerable court for decision. For reasons stated in the last Annual Report, the ground taken by the Presbyteries seems to be highly injurious to the Sustentation work, and, indeed, to nullify the Assembly's rule. If the Sustentation plan was instituted for the purpose of aiding feeble churches to support their ministers, so that they can give their whole time to their appropriate ministerial work, then it appears evident that at least so long as the fund is insufficient to meet the demands of those who are giving their strength to the Church, it is a perversion to divert any part of it from this high purpose, and to appropriate it to the payment of desultory services, however valuable in themselves. If the interpretation in question is sanctioned, there is no telling to what lengths it will go; for it may easily happen that one Presbytery after another, taking this view, a very large portion of the fund may be called for in behalf of those whose energies are not given to distinctively ministerial work, while others, whose hearts and minds are earnestly intent on building up Zion, will be necessarily compelled to withdraw themselves from the active discharge of their duties for the want of support. Thus the object which the Church has wisely and laboriously kept in view for a number of years, will be practically defeated, and a premium be put on our ministers devoting themselves to secular avocations. Much more might be said on this point, but having discussed it so fully in the last Annual Report, your Committee will only add now, that their convictions on this subject are so positive that, unless the General Assembly shall give them instructions to the contrary, they will hereafter construe the By-Law rigidly, and make no appropriation for any minister, until the requisite certificate is furnished by the Presbyterial Committee, through whom the application is made, in accordance with the obvious meaning of the By-Law as it at present stands.

That portion of By-Law 3, known as the *five year rule*, has received the earnest consideration of the Committee. It is deemed salutary in its bearing and essential to the attainment of the full success of the Sustentation scheme; but its execution has to be managed with great delicacy, lest some promising though feeble Church should be injured by the too sudden withdrawal of aid. The policy indicated in the last Annual Report in regard to this matter has been pursued the present year, and the Churches falling under the operation of this rule, for whom aid was asked, have been aided, but to a smaller amount than heretofore, except in one extraordinary case. It is hoped that some of these churches will thus be stimulated to put forth more efforts for self-support. Some of them will, no doubt, have to be content with a smaller share of ministerial labour, or be gradually remanded to the care of the Presbyterial Evangelist, and the pastors of such will be released to bestow their labours on other more hopeful fields.

STATISTICS.

Forty-six Presbyteries have received appropriations from the Sustentation Fund during the year. Appropriations have been made for one hundred and eighty ministers. Thirty-five church buildings have been aided to the amount of $4,742.50. Five hundred dollars have been paid toward the work among the coloured people, besides appropriations to three ministers, a large portion of whose time is given to this class of our population.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

This branch of the Church's work was conducted in connection with Sustentation until January 1, ult. This was necessary on account of the inadequacy of the Evangelistic Fund of 1872, and was in accordance with the directions of the last Assembly. Of the amount reported as disbursed under Sustentation, $4,075 was paid for Evangelistic work. A good deal of this labour would, however, be more properly classed as Domestic Missionary, and cannot, according to the present By-Law of the General Assembly, be designated Evangelistic.

The Evangelistic Fund proper this year sums up $6,691.41, against $2,671.36 the year before. Payments have been made from this fund for twelve Evangelists in ten Presbyteries, to the amount of $2,400. In forty Presbyteries, which report on this subject, there are twenty-four Evangelists and two Ministers, employed half their time in this work. Of these forty Presbyteries, twenty-three co-operate with the Assembly's Committee, by ordering collections and manifesting a deep interest in the work; seventeen do not co-operate, some of them because they have schemes of their own, which, for the present, they prefer to operate, and the others for reasons satisfactory to themselves. Three hundred and eighty-two churches have contributed to this cause, being an increase of two hundred and thirty-four over last year. Over one-half of all the collections received are from the Synods of Virginia and South Carolina, and they give considerably more than half the fund. From eight Presbyteries not a single collection has been received, and from ten not more than one or two collections. It is hoped, however, that the Church is becoming interested in this important department of labour, and that its regular and progressive growth will be assured. There is, perhaps, no department of the Church's work which gives more promise of immediate and happy results than this. It is by Evangelistic effort that our scattered people are to be looked after and gathered into congregations; that new ground is to be occupied in the name of Christ and Presbyterianism; and that we are to extend our out-posts and make advances in the spread of the kingdom of God. No church can expect to enjoy a pure and vigorous life which is not putting forth constant efforts to spread the gospel. Activity is the condition of spiritual and ecclesiastical as well as physical health, and it may as reasonably be expected that inertness will promote the latter as the former. The true means by which a well-developed piety in the churches is to be maintained, is through the exercise of a godly zeal going out into earnest exertions for the extension and upbuilding of Zion. What is now imperatively needed, is to have our christian people powerfully awakened to their obligations to evangelize the world. When this is done, and efforts are put forth commensurate with the work to be accomplished at home and abroad, the sanctifying influence of these christian impulses will be felt in every part and member of the Church. May God speed the day when there shall not be such general contentment with the present imperfect sustentation of the things whereto we have already attained, but when there shall be a full outgoing of the Church's efforts and wealth to compass the extension of the kingdom of God and the salvation of men.

The By-Law of the General Assembly for Evangelistic work, No. 4, is, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, adequate to the present demands of the work, and will ultimately be promotive of the best interests of the cause throughout the Church. Some objection has been made to that feature of it which requires all funds raised for the Evangelist in the bounds of his Presbytery, and outside of his own field of labour, to be sent to the General Treasury, it being asserted that this is unnecessary and hurtful to the scheme. This question was argued in full in the last Annual Report, and while the Committee feels bound to present it again to the attention of the Assembly, it is deemed necessary only to say that ex-

perience has amply proved that in nearly every case in which Presbyteries have attempted co-operation with the General Assembly's scheme, and at the same time put their own schemes before their churches, it has been found to result in a general withdrawal of the churches from the support of the Central Fund, while the Presbyteries still claim to receive from that fund. This system, if allowed, will paralyze any scheme, however good in itself, by permitting Presbyteries which ought to be self-sustaining, to do what they can for themselves and to supplement the deficiency from the general fund. There will thus be little or nothing left in the treasury for the really needy Presbyteries, and the aggressive work of the Church will be virtually brought to a stand.

The results of Evangelistic work during the past year have been, in some of the Presbyteries, very encouraging, but as these will come before the Assembly in the reports ordered to be sent immediately to your body, it would be a repetition to give the details here. The Presbyteries to which appropriations have been made from this fund, are: Augusta, Savannah, Mississippi, North Alabama, Wilmington, South Carolina, Eastern Texas, Western Texas, Greenbrier, and West Hanover. Of these Savannah, Mississippi, North Alabama, and Eastern Texas Presbyteries report results of a most encouraging nature, and the others, except one, are encouraged to continue their efforts in this direction.

Hereafter the Evangelistic year will not only begin and end with the calendar year as at present, but annual appropriations will be made, and the first instalment paid in January instead of March, as heretofore. The collection being made in September, renders this arrangement both possible and desirable, as it is not well to retain funds in the treasury a longer time than is necessary to accumulate them in sufficient quantities to meet the semi-annual payments.

THE INVALID FUND.

The whole amount contributed to this fund during the year has been $9,171.99, an increase of $1,076.37 over the year before, and a sum very much larger than during any previous year. Five hundred and thirty churches have contributed to this cause, showing a gain of one hundred and seventy-one contributing churches. Eight thousand three hundred and eighty dollars have been paid out of this fund to sixteen aged and infirm ministers, and sixty-six families of deceased ministers.

Of these	5	in the Synod of	Alabama	have received	$575
	7	" "	Arkansas	"	945
	8	" "	Georgia	"	625
	3	" "	Memphis	"	525
	4	" "	Mississippi	"	500
	7	" "	Nashville	"	550
	10	" "	N. Carolina	"	895
	18	" "	S. Carolina	"	1,490
	3	" "	Texas	"	500
	17	" "	Virginia	"	1,775
	82				$8,380

The appropriations have ranged from $25 to $300, according to the necessities of each case. The Committee are gratified to state that they have been able to grant the full sum named, whenever a specific amount was mentioned by the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee, and in other cases have exercised the wisest discretion possible in connection with the information in their possession. It has been a real pleasure to administer this fund this year; for while it has not yet attained the proportions which it ought to reach, there are evidences that the Church is

becoming more deeply interested in this branch of her work, and there is reason to believe that many wants have been relieved and much comfort provided through this source. Indeed, there is no method of computing the amount of good which has been accomplished by this unpretending agency. Fathers and brethren, upon whom the afflicting hand of God has been laid, have been strengthened by the sympathetic aid extended to them; and mothers in Israel and sorrowing widows and helpless children have been made to feel that though the Lord hath stricken, He hath not forsaken them nor left them to the cold charities of a heartless world. The Church of Christ, His body, caring for her feeble members and providing for her poor, presents herself in one of her most amiable aspects, and no duty can be more incumbent on her than that of nurturing her standard-bearers, who, having given themselves to her service, are cast by her sovereign Lord upon her care, or of providing for the widows and children of those who, while enduring the heat and burden of the day, were too much engaged in their "Father's business" to give attention even to the tender concern of the future temporal welfare of their loved ones. If the Church is not true to this trust, then what credentials can she furnish that Christ is her Lord? Surely it is a cause of thanksgiving that the General Assembly has evidence of the increasing response which our Christian people are making to this solemn obligation; and it may be confidently hoped that this grace, which has begun to develope, will continue to grow until it accomplish its full results.

RELIEF FUND.

On April 1, 1873, the date of the last Annual Report, there were seventy-six names on the list of the Relief Fund. Eighteen names have been added during the year, two have been removed by death, and four because they have ceased to contribute to the Fund; so that at present there are eighty-eight names of churches and individuals enrolled. Of these, twenty-two are churches for their *pastors*, thirteen are foreign missionaries, and the remainder are individuals paid for either by themselves or others. Of the churches which have ceased to contribute to the Fund, the reason which influences one is not known; one has ceased because of a large debt which is oppressing it, and occupying all its attention, and another expects to resume its payment at no distant day. One church has withdrawn because of dissatisfaction with the action of the last Assembly in adopting the fifty-year rule.

The Executive Committee has been greatly disappointed at the backwardness of the churches in taking hold of this scheme, and are somewhat at a loss to account for the apparent indifference manifested in regard to it. It is true that the Church's present work in all its departments is urgent, and its wants are constantly pressed upon the attention of the people. It can hardly be doubted, however, that there are hundreds of our churches which are able to do more than they are doing for the various enterprises which appeal to them, and still be able to do their pastors the justice and themselves the benefit of entering this scheme. That some moderate and sure provision ought to be made for the families of Christ's ministers after their decease, will hardly be denied by any who have a particle of human kindness, unless, indeed, they have adopted the extreme opinion, that no christian ought to be careful for the future comfort of his loved ones. The family of a faithful pastor, who during his lifetime has been too much occupied with the affairs of the kingdom to lay up an inheritance for his children on earth, are placed in a painful position when left destitute by his decease. Accustomed to the amenities of life, and some of them to at least some degree of comfort, having a position to maintain, plans of usefulness to be matured, and desires for educational and social advantages as yet unfulfilled, their prospects are often wholly changed and all their cherished views thwarted almost in a mo-

ment, by the sad providence of God, which removes from them their guardian and support. The dependent widows and helpless children of those who serve earthly governments, do no not appeal in vain for the just recognition of the services of their husbands and fathers, and surely the Church of Christ ought not to be behind the potentates of this world in the discharge of so obvious a duty. It does not appear to be a debatable question whether something worthy the name of christian beneficence and adequate to the needs of the class under consideration ought not to be done. But the manner in which this shall be done, the special method by which it can best be accomplished, this, of course, is an inquiry which admits of discussion.

The scheme inaugurated by the General Assembly presents itself to the Executive Committee as a good one. It has been subjected to a rigid re-examination during the past year, and the only modification which appears desirable at the present time, is the addition of a clause by the General Assembly, confining the benefits of the scheme to those of our ministers who, at the time of entering it, are in good ordinary health, and free from any known fatal disease. The statement of the minister entering the scheme, or of the session of the church which enters it for its pastor, would be deemed a sufficient certificate of the fact. This modification is suggested at the instance of an ardent friend of this department of the Church's work, who possesses large and valuable knowledge of the facts and principles upon which it is essential to base such a scheme; and while the Committee are of the opinion that the present plan will meet the liabilities incurred by the Church, they are so anxious that its soundness shall be beyond question, that they heartily petition the General Assembly for this modification, believing that, as thus amended, the Relief Fund will be so apparently safe in itself, that, with its economical administration, it will certainly produce the best results. To churches wishing to make some certain provision for the families of their pastors, it affords, perhaps, the best sphere of investment which they can find; while it presents itself as a scheme devised and managed solely for the advantage of those who participate in its benefits, and the success of which will inure to the increased efficiency of the ministry, to the permanency and endearment of pastoral ties, and to the honour of the Church of Christ. Surely it ought to command the confidence and support of the churches, and be generally used by them in accomplishing the beneficent ends for which it was intended.

THE MISSIONARY.

During a portion of the past year, the several branches of the Sustentation work have, from time to time, been represented in the *Missionary*. This course was adopted at the suggestion of several valued brethren, and has been approved throughout the Church, so far as information has been received.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Executive Committee of Sustentation.

RICHARD MCILWAINE, } *Secretaries.*
J. LEIGHTON WILSON, }

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUSTENTATION, APRIL 1, 1874.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in account with Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of Sustentation.

DR.

To cash paid from Sustentation Fund to supplement pastors' salaries, and for Evangelists and church erection	$23,916 26
" " salaries and clerk hire	1,505 56
" " travelling expenses (including members of the Committee)	123 50
" " printing Annual Report, circulars, &c.	122 38
" " office expenses (rent, fuel, stationery)	114 90
" " postage account	65 92
" " exchange	11 75
" " removal of Co-ordinate Secretary to South Carolina	250 00
" " former Treasurer for check from Second Church, Memphis, Tenn., received January 30, 1868, and not paid on account of failure of the Gayoso Savings Bank	200 00
" " *pro rata* on account of the Missionary above receipts	104 09
By balance in Treasury, April 1st, 1874	3,047 05
	$29,461 41

CR.

By donations from churches, &c., from April 1, 1873, to April 1, 1874,	25,249 06
" balance in Treasury, April 1, 1873	3,744 73
" interest on Sustentation funds	467 62
	$29,461 41

EVANGELISTIC FUND.

DR.

To cash paid Evangelists	$2,400 00
" " general expenses (including salaries and clerk hire), $361.33; travelling, $29.65; printing, $29.37; office expenses, $27.58; postage, 15.82; exchange, $22.82; Missionary, $24.98	511 55
Balance in Treasury, April 1, 1874	3,779 86
	$6,691 41

CR.

By donations from churches, &c., from April 1, 1873, to April 1, 1874,	$6,579 18
Interest on Evangelistic funds	112 23
	$6,691 41

INVALID FUND.

DR.

To cash pald disabled ministers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers	$8,380 00
" " general expenses (including salaries and clerk hire), $542; travelling, $44.45; printing, 44.05; office expenses, $41.36; postage, $23.73; exchange, $4.23; Missionary, $37.48	737 30
By balance in Treasury, April 1, 1874	1,513 39
	$10,630 69

CR.

By donations from churches, &c., from April 1, 1873, to April 1, 1874,	$9,171 99
" balance in Treasury, April 1, 1873	1,290 36
" interest on Invalid funds	168 34
	$10,630 69

RELIEF FUND.

DR.

To cash paid for $6,000 of bonds of city of Augusta, Ga.	$5,390 00
" " families of two deceased ministers.	480 00
" " general expenses (including salaries and clerk hire, $301.11; printing, $24.45; travelling expenses, $24.70; office expenses, $22.98; postage, $13.18; exchange, $4.34.	390 76
	$6,260 76

CR.

By amount of premiums from ministers and churches.	$4,860 00
" interest on investments through Jesse H. Lindsay, Treasurer.	335 00
" " from individuals.	57 87
" balance in Treasury, April 1, 1873.	217 25
" " due Treasurer, April 1, 1874.	790 64
	$6,260 76

RICHARD McILWAINE,
Treasurer of Sustentation.

RECEIPTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

Table showing the amount received by each Presbytery from the Executive Committee of Sustentation, (from the Sustentation and Evangelistic Funds and the Southern Aid Society,) and the amount contributed by each to the Sustentation and Evangelistic Funds, from April 1, 1873, *to April* 1, 1874.

PRESBYTERIES AND SYNODS.	Contributed by Churches.	Received from Executive Committee.
Presbytery of East Alabama	$273 75	$500 00
South Alabama	582 96	425 00
Tuskaloosa	422 10	300 00
Synod of Alabama	1,278 81	1,225 00
Presbytery of Arkansas	497 05	503 50
Indian	29 73	.....
Ouachita	252 70	875 00
Synod of Arkansas	779 48	1,378 50
Presbytery of Atlanta	396 43	662 50
Augusta	1,005 70	1,000 00
Cherokee	407 63	850 00
Florida	301 90	575 00
Macon	338 10	200 00
Savannah	270 19	650 00
Synod of Georgia	2,719 95	3,937 50

PRESBYTERIES AND SYNODS.	Contributed by Churches.	Received from Executive Committee.
Presbytery of Central Ohio	20 00	250 00
Ebenezer	59 10	.....
Louisville	24 50	.....
Muhlenburg	4 00	.....
Paducah	.....	.....
Transylvania	60 00	.....
West Lexington	130 00	.....
Synod of Kentucky	297 60	250 00
Presbytery of Chickasaw	146 45	75 00
Memphis	788 95	562 50
North Mississippi	62 00	700 00
Tuscumbia	85 87	375 00
Western District	342 00	512 50
Synod of Memphis	1,425 27	2,225 00
Presbytery of Central Mississippi	166 70	675 00
Louisiana	125 70	200 00
Mississippi	196 10	325 00
New Orleans	766 63	.....
Red River	45 30	400 00
Tombeckbee	156 45	312 50
Synod of Mississippi	1,456 88	1,912 50
Presbytery of Holston	158 12	475 00
Knoxville	306 52	500 00
Nashville	28 00	.....
North Alabama	268 00	300 00
Synod of Nashville	760 64	1,275 00
Presbytery of Concord	19 00	.....
Fayetteville	237 27	350 00
Mecklenburg	539 41	737 50
Orange	517 87	575 00
Wilmington	510 27	850 00
Synod of North Carolina	1,823 82	2,512 50
Presbytery of Bethel	543 75	380 00
Charleston	525 36	200 00
Harmony	691 81	450 00
South Carolina	1,223 15	1,493 10
Synod of South Carolina	2,984 07	2,523 10
Presbytery of Brazos	118 62	1,050 00
Central Texas	224 53	2,000 00
Eastern Texas	250 45	1,475 00
Western Texas	263 16	1,050 00
Synod of Texas	856 76	5,575 00

PRESBYTERIES AND SYNODS.	Contributed by Churches.	Received from Executive Committee.
Presbytery of Abingdon	173 29	437 50
Chesapeake	2,138 23	1,967 00
East Hanover	1,824 63	1,587 50
Greenbrier	567 83	750 00
Lexington	1,151 69	1,050 00
Montgomery	502 03	753 50
Roanoke	678 40	612 50
West Hanover	827 74	919 16
Winchester	806 26	950 00
Synod of Virginia	8,670 10	9,027 16
Balance on hand last account	3,744 73	....
Interest,	579 85	.....
Miscellaneous	8,774 86	3,009 65
Southern Aid Society	5,525 00	.....
	$41,077 82	$34,850 91

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In presenting to the General Assembly the Thirteenth Annual Report on Foreign Missions, the Executive Committee would express devout thanks to Almighty God, for the manifold tokens of favour that have been bestowed upon it during the year. Especial thanks are due for the preservation of the health and lives of our missionary brethren; that they have been permitted to carry on their varied and arduous labours without interruption or hindrance from any cause; that the Spirit of God has manifested His presence and power in the conversion of sinners at almost all our stations; that the sphere of the missionary work has been enlarged by the addition of two new missions, one in Northern Mexico and the other in the ancient capital of Greece; that the young men and young women of the Church have offered themselves so cheerfully for this service; and that a large portion of our christian people, notwithstanding the financial stringency, have contributed so freely of their substance for the support of this cause. It is only eight years since our Church may be regarded as having fairly entered upon this work, but she can to-day lift up her eyes and behold her sons and daughters earnestly and faithfully labouring for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom at seven different points in the Southwestern Indian Territory, in Northern Mexico, in the Northern and Southern portions of the United States of Colombia, in Northern and Southern Brazil, in one of the principal cities of Italy, in the capital of Greece, and in two of the great cities of the Chinese Empire. And not only may our missionary brethren be seen toiling at all these centres of influence, but religious institutions of various kinds are growing up under their care, which are destined, with the blessing of Almighty God, to exert a wide and powerful influence over all the surrounding regions. Spencer Academy, the Campinas Institute, the schools at Hangchow, and other institutions of a similar kind, are still in their infancy, but with the fostering care of Divine Providence they will,

in the course of time, bring forth an abundant harvest of blessings to the different communities in which they are located. And not less encouraging prospects are afforded by the labours of our missionaries in translating and circulating the word of God, and other religious books and tracts in the various languages spoken by the people immediately around them. Who can think of such varied labours, of such extended missionary operations and such bright prospects in the future, without sentiments of profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for having called our beloved Church by His Spirit and Providence to take so large and so honorable a share in the great work of evangelizing the nations of the earth?

MISSIONARIES AND ASSISTANT-MISSIONARIES THAT HAVE BEEN SENT OUT DURING THE YEAR.

Rev. John W. Davis, of the Synod of North Carolina. and a recent graduate of Union Seminary; Mr. G. W. Painter, of Virginia, and also a student of Union Seminary, and Miss A. C. Safford, of Georgia, all left Baltimore for China, by way of San Francisco, on the 19th August. They reached the last mentioned place on the 27th of August, sailed from thence on the 1st September, and reached Shanghai in safety the 2d of October. Miss M. V. Hoge, of Virginia, left her home in the latter part of October to take charge of the Muskogee Institute, in the Creek Nation, which place she reached the 4th of November, and immediately entered upon her labours there. Rev. A. T. Graybill, a native of Virginia and graduate of Union Seminary, and Mrs. Graybill, a resident of Richmond, Va., left Columbia, S. C., on the 7th of January, for Northern Mexico. They reached Matamoras the latter part of the same month, having had a pleasant journey both by water and land, and immediately entered upon their labours in this new field. Miss M. V. Kirk, of Charleston, S. C., sailed from New York in the steamer Merrimack, on the 23d April, for Campinas, to be associated with Miss Henderson in the management of the school for girls at that place. Miss Kirk goes out with the expectation of bearing all her own expenses, and probably will have no occasion to draw upon the treasury for her support. Besides these labourers sent directly from this country, those connected with the Greek Mission, viz: Rev. M. D. Kalapothakes, Mr. George Kazacos, and Mr. J. S. Dewar, have been added to the list of missionary labourers, being an addition in all of ten new labourers for the year.

THE WHOLE MISSIONARY FORCE IN THE FIELD.

The whole missionary force now in the field consists of twenty-one ordained ministers, of whom five are natives of the country where they labour, twenty-four assistant missionaries from this country, and fourteen native helpers, making in all fifty-nine missionary labourers all in the service of the Church, and all dependent upon the Mission treasury for the means of their support.

EXTENSION OF THE FIELD OF MISSIONARY LABOUR.

Since the meeting of the last Assembly, two distinct Missions have been added to those previously undertaken—one in Northern Mexico, and the other in Greece. Mention was made in the last Annual Report of the contemplated Mission to Mexico, and the reasons for undertaking it, which were approved by the Assembly. Reference was also made by the last Assembly to the Greek Mission, and the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration. The Committee hesitated for some time in relation to assuming this new responsibility, and mainly on three grounds, viz.: 1st, the expensiveness of the mission; 2d, the unproductiveness of the field as to spiritual results; and 3d, the intolerance of the Greek government, which it was supposed would not permit the

establishment of an Evangelical Church within its realms. After thorough inquiry on the subject, however, and after a prolonged conference between Dr. Kalopothakes and the Committee, it was felt that the difficulties just mentioned were either greatly exaggerated, or did not exist at all; and the Committee very cheerfully agreed not only to undertake the control and support of the Mission, but to send out an additional labourer from this country as soon as one of suitable character could be found. Several Christian gentlemen—not of our Church, but interested in the success of the Mission—have agreed on their own motion to afford such pecuniary aid as they could in support of the undertaking. So far as the Committee has had the opportunity to learn, they find that the measure is regarded with much satisfaction by the great body of our Christian people.

FINANCE.

The receipts from all sources amount to $42,431.03. This sum includes $30,650.61 contributed by churches, individuals, and derived from legacies; $6,983.06 given by Sabbath Schools; $2,111.50 by missionary associations; $2,000 by a Christian friend in New York for Campinas Institute; $678.86 from interest and exchange; and $7 from newspapers published by the Mission press in Athens. By adding to the total receipts the balance on hand April 1, 1873, $6,534.37, we have $48,965.40 as the amount at the disposal of the Executive Committee during the year.

There has been a decrease in the aggregate receipts during the present, compared with the preceding year, of $1,151.49, leaving out of last year's account receipts from the *Missionary*, which are now kept separately, and the amount derived from the China Mission Press Fund, which was collected in a previous year. There has also been a decrease of $820.51 in the contributions of the Sabbath Schools. The receipts to the general cause from churches, individuals, legacies, and missionary societies have increased $3,565.45.

It is gratifying to state, also, that the number of contributing churches have increased from 690 to 890—*i. e*, an increase of contributing churches of 200. The amount of contributions, however, has not increased in the same proportion, which must be ascribed to the financial stringency. The Treasurer has wound up his accounts for the year without a debt—indeed, with a balance on hand of $2,056.48; but he will have to meet drafts by the middle of May to the amount of over $7,000, besides other demands on the treasury, which he will not be able to do unless the May collections are liberal, and are sent forward promptly. In order to prevent a debt at the end of the year, and still more serious embarrassment in the early part of the ensuing year, a good many measures that have been proposed for the promotion of the work had to be contracted or abandoned altogether. This cannot be repeated without serious detriment to the best interests of this great cause.

HOME AGENCY EMPLOYED IN THE WORK.

In view of the fact that the *agency* system has long since fallen into disfavour with the great body of our christian people, the question has frequently been asked what can be substituted in its place that would be more in accordance with the views of our people and the genius of our institutions. Many of our sister churches still regard the agency system as indispensable, and adhere to it notwithstanding all of its objectionable features. The theory generally entertained among ourselves, and, undoubtedly, the true one, is that every minister is the agent for Foreign Missions, as well as for all the other schemes of benevolence in his own church. And, whilst it is true that many of them do perform this office with fidelity and efficiency, and that the number of such is gradually increasing, yet it is equally true that a large proportion of our ministers need constantly to be reminded of their obligations in this particular. At

the same time it is a matter of great moment that ministers and people alike, should be kept thoroughly informed in relation to the condition and wants of this great enterprise. The Committee rely upon the following things for accomplishing this important object:

1st. Foreign Missionaries, when in this country for the recovery of their health, are employed in visiting churches for the purpose of imparting information in relation to the work in which they are engaged, and stimulating the people of God to greater zeal in the promotion of it. Rev. J. L. Stuart, one of our Chinese missionaries now in this country on account of his health, has done much for this cause the past year by visiting churches, forming ladies' missionary associations, and interesting Sabbath School children in the work.

2d. The Secretaries visit as many of the Synods every autumn as is found practicable, for the purpose of laying before ministers and elders, congregated in these bodies, all the information they can in relation to the condition and wants, not only of the Foreign Missionary work, but of home work also. This is the only way by which the great body of ministers and elders can be met and informed in relation to these matters. It is not possible to visit all these Synods in any one year, but, ordinarily, they can all be reached in two years. Last autumn the Synods of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Nashville, and Kentucky were all visited by one or the other of the Secretaries. The cost of these journeys is something of a tax upon the treasury, but the amount is a very insignificant sum compared with what would be required to support a number of agents, or even a single one.

3d. But our main reliance is upon the "*Missionary*." Great pains and labour are bestowed upon this by the Secretaries to make it a missionary magazine of the very first-class. It is sent to the pastor of every church without charge. Its circulation is about 5,000 copies, and its influence is very clearly seen in all those portions of the Church where it had the greatest circulation It is confidently believed that if ministers generally would interest themselves in the matter, it would be an easy task to put 20,000 copies in circulation, which would not only promote the interest of the missionary cause, but would be a source of great spiritual improvement to all of our churches themselves.

GENERAL SURVEY OF THE MISSIONARY WORK—INDIAN MISSIONS.

There are seven principal stations now occupied in Indian Territory, at each of which there is an ordained missionary, and at most of them assistant-missionaries besides. Two of these are among the Cherokees, one in the Creek country, and four among the Choctaws. Such full and extended information is given in the April and May numbers of the *Missionary* about the Indian country and the missions there, that it is scarcely necessary to give anything more than a very brief sketch of these missions in this report.

CHEROKEE MISSIONS.

Park Hill.—Rev. Stephen Foreman (native.)

Vinita.—Rev. H. Balentine and Mrs. Balentine.

Park Hill, the principal station occupied by Mr. Foreman, is but a few miles from Tallequah, the capital of the nation. Besides preaching here at stated intervals, he holds regular religious services at two other points, one known as "Pleasant Valley," and the other as "Caney Creek." His labours have been carried on without interruption during the year. The March number of the *Missionary* gives an account of a large and interesting meeting held at Park Hill a short time previously, when five persons were admitted to the communion of the church.

Vinita, the station occupied by Mr. Balentine, is located in the northwestern portion of the Cherokee nation, not more than twenty miles

south of the Kansas line, and about seven miles west of the railroad, known as the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad. Mr. Balentine has three places of preaching. His audiences are usually composed of Cherokees, Shawnees, and a few white men, but principally of Cherokees. The Cherokee population is rapidly increasing in the section of country where he lives, so that he will soon have a large field of labour immediately around him. The number of church members is fifteen, most of whom have been gathered into the fold of Christ within the last two years, and by the direct labours of Mr. Balentine.

CREEK MISSION.

Muskogee Institute.—Rev. J. M. Perryman (native) and Miss M. V. Hoge, teachers.

This station is located on the west side of the North Fork river, and about twelve miles from the town of North Fork, on the great railroad passing through the Indian country. It is situated on the borders of a beautiful prairie, is regarded as having a healthy location, and is in the immediate neighbourhood of a large and thrifty Creek population. Mr. Perryman preaches at three different places, and has gathered a church membership of forty-five or fifty persons. He established two years ago, at the place where he resides, a small school for girls, which he calls the Muskogee Institute, and which he has maintained since, in a good measure, at his own expense. Miss Hoge reached this place in December last to take charge of the school. The number of scholars is sixteen, being as many as could heretofore be accommodated. Measures have been taken, however, to enlarge the accommodations and increase the number of pupils, and with the blessing of God it will no doubt become an important institution.

CHOCTAW MISSION.

Boggy Depot.—Rev. Allen Wright (native) and Mrs. Wright.

Bennington.—Rev. W. J. B. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd.

Spencer Academy.—Rev. J. H. Colton, superintendent, and Mrs. Colton, Mr. J. S. Caldwell, principal teachers; Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. —. Bramlett, Miss Elizabeth Morrison.

Doakesville.—Rev. E. Brewer (native.)

Mr. Wright preaches at Boggy Depot, Mount Pleasant, Chickasaw, and at Wapanucka. Mr. Lloyd preaches at Living Land, Bennington, and Six Towns. Mr. Colton at Mount Fork, Wheeloch, Pine Ridge, Spencer Academy, Good Water, and Mount Zion. Mr. Brewer at Jack's Fork, Lenox, Green Hill, and Big Lick. No full statistical accounts have been received of the number of church members at these various stations and preaching places. The number reported to Presbytery last year was 938. Spencer Academy, a full account of which is given in the May number of the *Missionary*, is regarded as in a flourishing condition, and, it is believed, is doing much for the improvement of the Choctaw people. The number of pupils, during the year, has averaged about fifty. Two additional missionaries are greatly needed in the Choctaw country, and it is earnestly hoped that the time may not be distant when this urgent want will be met.

MISSION IN NORTHERN MEXICO.

Matamoras.—Rev. A. T. Graybill and Mrs. Graybill.

Matamoras, as pretty generally known, is situated on the southern banks of the Rio Grande, very nearly opposite Brownsville, Texas, and not more than twenty or thirty miles from the sea coast. It has a population of 15,000 or 20,000, and the people, it is supposed, are favourably inclined to listen to the claims of the gospel.

Mr. and Mrs. Graybill arrived there in January last, and were cordially welcomed by Christian friends, both in Brownsville and Matamoras. They have since secured a desirable residence in Matamoras, and were, when heard from last, in good health, and engaged in the study of the language. These Christian friends, and the great work they have undertaken, are earnestly commended to the prayerful remembrance of all God's people.

MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

Socorro.—Rev. H. B. Pratt and Mrs. Pratt.

Baranquilla.—Mr. A. H. Erwin and Senor Gallardo (native).

Socorro is the capital of the State of Santander, is located in the mountainous portions of New Grenada, or United States of Colombia, as the country is now more generally called. Mention was made in the last Annual Report of the transfer of Mr. Pratt and family from Baranquilla to Socorro, and the reasons for the same. Mr. Pratt has laboured, without interruption through the year, in preaching the Word, circulating the Scriptures, and in various departments of translation. No marked results have thus far attended his labours, but he has not been without tokens of the Divine presence and blessing. He was awaiting, at the date of our last letter, the arrival of Senor Gallardo, with whom he was expecting to make an extended tour over the surrounding country for the two-fold purpose of preaching the gospel and circulating the word of God. He needs an associate in the ministry, and also a lady teacher, both of whom have been appointed, and it is expected will be sent out in the summer if the necessary means can be secured.

Baranquilla, as is known, is situated near the mouth of the Magdalena river, and not far from the sea coast. A very considerable change has taken place in the views and feelings of the people during the year, especially so far as the cause of education is concerned. Mr. Erwin reports a school of more than thirty pupils, and says that the number might be almost indefinitely increased if they had suitable accommodations and a sufficient teaching force. Senor Gallardo has laboured faithfully during the year in visiting from house to house and in circulating the word of God. It is expected that this Mission will also be reinforced during the summer or in the early autumn.

MISSION IN NORTHERN BRAZIL.

Pernambuco.—Rev. J. Rockwell Smith, Rev. John Boyle, and Mrs. Boyle.

The circumstances under which the Mission in Pernambuco was established were fully set forth in the last Annual Report. Nothing of special or marked interest has taken place during the year affecting the condition of this Mission, except that the Romish Bishop of that city has been arrested and imprisoned for resistance to the civil authorities. Much of the time of our brethren has necessarily been taken up in perfecting themselves in the knowledge of the language. Both were enabled to preach in a comparatively short time after their arrival; but it requires time and close study to enable them to do so with accuracy and fluency. They have maintained regular religious services on the Sabbath; and although their audiences have not been large, they have been quite as good as could reasonably be expected in the circumstances of the case. They have enjoyed good health, and feel that they are labouring in a field to which they have been called by the Spirit and Providence of God. They urge very strongly the importance of establishing a new station in the city of Para, near the mouth of the Amazon.

MISSION IN SOUTHERN BRAZIL.

Campinas.—Rev. G. Nash Morton and Mrs. Morton, Rev. Edward Lane and Mrs. Lane, Rev. William Le Conte.

Miss Nannie Henderson and Miss M. V. Kirk, teachers.

Three things have been rendered prominent in the correspondence of the brethren of this Mission during the past year, for which special thanks are due to Almighty God—first, the steady attendance upon the preaching of the gospel in Campinas, and the encouraging evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit attending and blessing the dispensation of the Word there; second, the favourable disposition of the people of the surrounding country to listen to the claims of the gospel whenever they have the opportunity to do so, and the frequent manifestation of the converting power of God's grace in connection with the itinerating labours of our brethren in those regions; third, the earnest desire manifested by the people, and especially by the more intelligent classes of them, to have their children enjoy the advantages of the school which our brethren have opened for their benefit. The number of pupils in the two schools during the last session was between ninety and one hundred, and the number might have been greatly increased if the accommodations had been more ample. The friends of this Mission will be glad to know that Miss M. V. Kirk, of Charleston, S. C., is now on her way to Campinas to be associated with Miss Henderson in the instruction and management of the female department of the school, and that a gentleman will probably be sent out during the summer to be associated with Mr. Morton in teaching the boys' department. Miss Kirk, in consequence of her familiarity with several of the modern languages of Europe, will be able to enter upon her work without the ordinary delay occasioned by having to study the language.

ITALIAN MISSION.

Milan.—Miss Christina Ronzone.

Miss Ronzone continues her labours with unabated zeal. Her school at present numbers fifteen pupils, but she expects to receive others soon. One of her pupils—a girl of fourteen years—died a few months since; and though she had not made a formal profession of religion, yet there is reason to hope that she died trusting in the merits of a crucified Redeemer. Several conversions have taken place in the circle of Miss Ronzone's relatives within two years past, which probably has been brought about through the instrumentality of her instructions. Through her influence, too, a number of women of the Roman Catholic Church are frequent attendants upon the preaching of Mr. Turin, one of the Waldensian ministers.

GREEK MISSION.

Athens.—Rev. M. D. Kalopothakes (native), Mr. George Kazacos (native licentiate), and Mr. J. S. Dewar.

Reference has been made in a previous part of this report to the circumstances which led the Committee to undertake the control and support of this Mission, and they need not be repeated here. A report from the Mission itself, published in the April number of the *Missionary*, contains such a full and satisfactory account of the condition, wants and prospects of this Mission that very little more need be added here.

The field contemplated in connection with this Mission embraces Free Greece, or Greece proper, the Grecian Islands, and the Greek provinces in European Turkey, containing a population altogether of something like 5,000,000, and almost wholly unoccupied by other Protestant Churches. Dr. Kalopothakes and Mr. Dewar have probably left before this to visit Salonika, with reference to the establishment of a Mission there. Should this be determined upon, Mr. Dewar will remain there, whilst Dr. Kalopothakes will return to Athens. It is the expectation of the Committee to send out a missionary from this country to be associated with Dr. Kalopothakes, as soon as one of suitable character can be found. It is

an interesting fact, and one that ought to stimulate the zeal of our Christian people, that we are called, in the providence of God, to occupy a field rendered sacred by the Great Apostle of Gentiles—not, as in His day, to reclaim the inhabitants from the superstition of Paganism, but to extricate them from the abuses and perversions of that very religion which that Great Apostle first established among them.

MISSIONS IN CHINA.

Hangchow.—Rev. M. H. Houston and Mrs. Houston, Rev. Ben. Helm, Mr. G. W. Painter, Mrs. A. E. Randolph, —— Atse (native helper).

Soochow.—Rev. H. C. DuBose and Mrs. DuBose, Rev. John W. Davis, and Miss A. C. Safford; Rev. J. L. Stuart in this country.

The last summer was one of unusual severity, the effects of which was felt by all the missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Houston found it necessary to make an excursion as far as Cheefoo; and Mr. Helm and Mrs. Randolph found it necessary likewise, at the close of the summer sessions of their respective schools, to take an excursion to the seacoast for the improvement of their health. With these exceptions the missionaries have enjoyed good health. The Hangchow Mission was reinforced by the arrival of Mr. Painter in October, who is expected to take charge of the boys' school, heretofore under the charge of Mr. Helm, as soon as his knowledge of the language will warrant him to do so. The Soochow Mission was reinforced at the same time by the arrival of Mr. Davis and Miss Safford. Mr. Davis is devoting himself closely to the study of the language, and will be able before long to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to the people in their own tongue. Miss Safford is devoting herself with equal assiduity to the study of the language, in the hope of being able soon to do something for the spiritual improvement of the women of Soochow. The schools at Hangchow are doing remarkably well in view of the disadvantages under which they have heretofore been carried on. The boys' school embraces eighteen pupils, and the girls' school twenty-five. Three of the girls have recently been made the subjects of divine grace. Religious services are held daily at both stations. The number of church members at Hangchow is seventeen. At Soochow, though no church has as yet been organized, there have been a number of hopeful conversions, and it is supposed that a number of others are concerned about their salvation. The change that is to be made in the location of the Mission at Hangchow, of which a full and particular account has been given in the *Missionary*, it is hoped will have a salutary influence upon the future condition of the Mission.

THE PRESENT CRISIS IN THE MISSIONARY WORK.

In concluding this report the Committee deem it necessary to place before the Assembly a distinct statement of the embarrassments which seem to threaten the work, and to ask the Assembly to give them explicit instructions in relation to what should be done.

The work was very considerably enlarged the last year, as will be seen from the foregoing report, by assuming the care of two new missions and ten additional labourers. To sustain these alone would require an advance in the receipts of $10,000 or $12,000 over those that have ever been received in any one year. More than this, there is an urgent and imperative necessity for sending out the present year at least ten more labourers to reinforce the different missions. There has scarcely been a letter received at the office for the last six months that has not called for help. For the want of such help some of our missionary brethren are bearing up under burdens that cannot be much longer borne. If they should be crushed before the needed help arrives, then some of those missions which have been so auspiciously begun, and which bear such strong marks of the Saviour's approval, may have to be given up altogether. Five of the

ten needed labourers are already appointed, and are ready to go forth this summer. Others are in correspondence with the office in relation to engaging in the same work. But now what is to be done? The treasurer has wound up his accounts without debt.

But there are drafts that will be due by the middle of May, to the amount of $7,000, which he cannot possibly meet unless the May contributions are large, and are promptly sent on to the treasury. The churches can scarcely be regarded as over-taxed; even in the midst of the financial crisis, when their contributions to this cause have never yet amounted to an average per member of a half dollar. No possible difficulty lies in the way of raising all the funds needed for the present emergency, if only ministers and church sessions will arouse themselves to the demands of the occasion. The case, briefly stated, is this: The great Head of the Church, by His Spirit and Providence, commands us to go forward; the heathen are saying to us, through our own representatives among them, "Come over and help us;" our young men and our young women are saying, "Here are we, send us;" and now the only question to be settled is, can the churches be relied upon to furnish the necessary means?

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, this report is respectfully submitted to the General Assembly.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, } *Secretaries.*
RICHARD McILWAINE, }

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, APRIL 1, 1874.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in account with Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

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To cash paid Indian Missions from April 1, 1873, to April 1, 1874		$8,133 62
" " China Missions		10,357 51
" " Brazil Missions (Campinas)		13,025 63
" " " " (Pernambuco)		2,295 36
" " U. S. Colombia Missions		3,309 56
" " Italian Missions		600 00
" " Greek Missions		2,480 75
" " Mexican Missions		1,563 00
" " *Southern Presbyterian* and *Southern Presbyterian Review*, and postage on the same, for missionaries, for three years		281 75
" " printing Annual Reports, circulars, &c		195 75
" " salaries and clerk hire		2,810 00
" " travelling expenses on official business (including those of Secretary to Indian country—$224.70, and members of Executive Committee in attending its meetings, $65.67)		503 50
" " office expenses (rent, stationery, fuel, &c.)		206 83
" " exchange account		21 14
" " postage and telegraphing		118 65
" " *pro rata* on account of the *Missionary*, above receipts,		755 87
" " removal of Co-ordinate Secretary to South Carolina		250 00
By balance in treasury, April 1, 1874		2,056 48
		$48,965 40

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By donations from churches, &c., from April 1, 1873, to April 1, 1874,	32,762 11
" " Sabbath Schools, &c., for mission schools, including Spencer Academy, Girls' School (Hangchow), and Campinas Institute	8,983 06
" subscriptions to *Child's Paper* and *Star* (Athens), and postage	7 00
" balance in treasury, April 1, 1873	6,534 37
" interest on Foreign Mission funds	653 86
" exchange on Foreign Mission funds	25 00
	$48,965 40

RICHARD McILWAINE,
Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education respectfully submits its Thirteenth Annual Report to the General Assembly.

The whole number of students who received aid from our treasury was 109. The whole amount of receipts from the churches, etc., was $16,797.83, of which sum $15,132.59 was paid to the students; $900 was paid in salaries; $142.19 for incidental expenses; $1,143.62 was due the treasurer at our last report; making the total of our disbursements, $17,318.40, which is in excess of our receipts, $520.57, which sum is now due the treasurer.

Since the organization of this Committee there has been no year of its history which has been attended with so many circumstances to cause anxiety and produce painful mortification. The last Assembly appointed a special collection in June to meet the deficiency in the receipts of last year, which was about $2,900. The Secretary immediately issued a circular calling attention to that action of the Assembly, but was pained to find it received but little attention from the Church, and the response was wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of our candidates at the close of their college year. This not only subjected the Committee to embarrassment, because of their inability to meet the claims of the young brethren, according to their just expectation; but it brought painful mortification on the students themselves, when they found that at the close of the year they were unable to pay their bills, and leave college with a good grace. All that the Committee could do was to promise them payment in full, as soon as the money was in the treasury with which to do so. The consequence, however, was that a number of them became discouraged, and determined not to return to the college or the seminary, but to engage in some business by which to make money to resume their studies without embarrassment.

From this and other causes, the number of students seeking aid from this Committee was less this year than it has been on some previous occasions, and varies but little from the number aided last year. The young men who began their studies just after the war have pressed on, and have nearly finished their studies, but few of them now being in college; and no general revival of religion or special cause has existed for a rapid increase. Hence, a large portion of our students this year have been in the seminary course; and the majority of the others are in the earlier college classes, or yet in the academy. We were compelled to decline aid in the case of several young brethren who were in their preparatory course; as the rule adopted by the Assembly does not permit us to extend aid until the students have reached the college classes, or have made such progress as is equivalent thereto.

The regular collection for this Committee occurs on the first Sabbath of November. At that time the country was suffering greatly from the financial disturbance which characterized the later months of last year. It is not remarkable, therefore, that the influence of that monetary disturbance exhibited itself in the results of that collection. The aggregate amount which reached the treasury was less than $2,000. As soon as it was at all advisable, the Secretary issued a brief circular to the churches calling their attention to this appalling result. Soon money began to reach the treasury, and we were able to pay, at about the usual times, the first and second instalments of the appropriations to the students; but with that the flow of money into the treasury ceased. The Secretary then issued a circular by postal card, addressed to the pastors of our churches, urging them to bring the matter before their people in some form during the week of prayer for our youth and institutions of learning, appointed by the Assembly for the last of February. This circular produced some good fruit, and we were able to pay in full the third instalment due our students. But with that again our receipts fell off, and we have been unable to pay the fourth instalment. All the Committee could do was to inform the faculties of our institutions of the facts, and to promise them if they could make other funds available, or in any way relieve the young brethren, this Committee would make it good as soon as the churches furnished the means.

The total liabilities of the Committee were somewhat larger than we anticipated when the Annual Circular was issued, which estimated them at $20,000. This arose in part from the fact that new applications for aid were presented to us after that circular was published, and partly because an unusual proportion of those needing aid were in the seminary course, and required the largest appropriation which the Assembly authorizes us to make. The actual amount needed was about $21,000; and there is now a deficit of about $3,000 to be provided for. This deficiency is much less than we at one time feared, from the fact that several of our students left college to engage in teaching, and a portion of the deficit of last year was not called for.

The Committee, through the circulars issued by the Secretary, has exhausted its ability to urge this matter on the attention of the Church, and knows of nothing additional which it could have done with propriety. The special attention of the Assembly is urgently called to the subject for such action as, in its judgment, the exigency of the case demands. The aggregate receipts, it may be observed, have varied but little for several years past, whilst the claims on the Committee are steadily advancing, and, it is believed, will be greater next year than it has been on any previous occasion. Here, then, are reasons for encouragement in the midst of our embarrassments. First, notwithstanding the financial disturbance and straitness of the past year, the receipts have not materially fallen off in the aggregate, the actual receipts being $706.65 less than last year. In the next place, the very fact that our obligations are increasing is an occasion of gladness and thanksgiving, because it shows our covenant-keeping God is with us, and is answering the prayers of His people to send more labourers into the harvest.

It does not relieve us from our embarrassment, nor bring relief to our young brethren to know the fact—but still it is best to know it—that we are not alone in our straitened circumstances. Other similar organizations are in even a worse case than we are, and are appealing with great earnestness to the Christian public for aid and relief, one of them announcing a deficiency of forty-eight thousand dollars, with another quarterly payment soon to be added to it. This cause seems to be underestimated in its importance, not only in some parts of our own Church, but also among other denominations; and especially our vacant churches, which ought to be the most deeply interested in it and wide-awake to its importance, almost always fail to take up collections for this object.

That is just where the whole difficulty with regard to this, as well as all our other evangelical enterprises lies. No collections are taken up for this cause in many of the churches; we suspect in a majority of them. If all our pastors, stated supplies, and vacant churches could be induced, by any influence which this Assembly can exert, to attend to this duty, there can be no doubt that the result would be a full and ample treasury.

The Presbytery of Bethel has furnished the means to pay the appropriations to its own candidates, forwarding the money directly to them. It had under its care eleven students, six of whom graduated this Spring at Columbia Seminary. Eight of its students required aid. The Presbytery determined not to become a burden to this Committee, but to furnish, if possible, the money to pay the appropriations to its own candidates. This it did by assessing the amount required on its churches. The consequence was the sum required—viz., $1,600—was raised and paid over to the students. That Presbytery has aided us in the same way for three or four years, and deserves to be presented to the Church with special commendation as an example to others.

The Presbytery of Arkansas has four candidates, and has raised toward their support $475. The Presbytery of Montgomery has furnished $742.15 for the aid of its students, of which sum, the First Church, Lynchburg, contributed the full appropriation for one student. The Presbytery of New Orleans has two candidates. The Prytanea Street Church has supported one of them at an expense of $300. The Franklin Street Church Ladies' Society, in Baltimore, have continued their aid to us, and have sent $600 in aid of students at Union Seminary and Hampden Sidney College. These are all the special reports received from Presbyteries in time for this report.

In conclusion, the Committee would remind the Assembly of the custom which has prevailed of appointing the last Thursday of February as a day of prayer for our youth and our institutions of learning, an observance appropriate in itself, and which has often been attended with special manifestations of the favour of God.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,
Secretary of Education.

Richmond, May 14, 1874.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF EDUCATION.

Receipts.—Donations from Synods:		
Alabama	$626 80	
Arkansas	593 45	
Georgia	1,216 05	
Kentucky	386 05	
Memphis	864 35	
Mississippi	897 17	
Nashville	1,165 64	
North Carolina	1,132 92	
South Carolina	2,532 04	
Texas	374 41	
Virginia	5,549 94	
Total from Synods		$15,338 82
Miscellaneous		1,440 26
Returned from a Student		18 75
Total receipts		$16,797 83
Balance due Treasurer		520 57
		$17,318 40

DISBURSEMENTS :		
For Students		$15,132 59
Secretary's Salary	$800 00	
Treasurer's do	100 00	
Printing and binding Annual Report	65 00	
Mailing Circulars	8 35	
Postage and Northern drafts	68 84	
Balance due Treasurer at last Report	1,143 62	
		2,185 81
		$17,318 40

APRIL 30, 1874. C. GENNET, *Treasurer.*

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

The Executive Committee of Publication respectfully presents to the General Assembly its Thirteenth Annual Report.

The year through which we have passed has been one of unusual anxiety and trial, owing to the unprecedented financial derangement of the country, affecting injuriously all kinds of business, bringing disaster upon many of the most prosperous merchants and financial enterprises, and crippling the resources of all business men. The effect upon benevolent and Christian institutions was immediately experienced in their diminished revenues; and in none was this more conspicuously manifested than in our own work. Our average receipts from the store, except in the early summer, are about $900 per week, and during the fall and winter months they generally much exceed that sum. But this year, in the fall and early winter our receipts fell down as low as $35 a week, and during the time of the financial crisis our total receipts from the store fell short of their usual amount, at the same season of the year, more than $10,000. Though there has been a very large increase of receipts from that source for the last two or three months, they have not brought the total amount up to the aggregate of last year by $7,999.25. Under the smiles of the Divine favour, however, we passed through the period of trial and anxiety without any permanent damage, and were able to keep our credit good in bank, while multitudes of our fellow citizens were compelled to succumb to the pressure that was upon them. Of course, during such times, to keep alive is a great event; to keep all our interests from permanently suffering was a complete success.

OUR FINANCES.

The Treasurer's account, herewith submitted, will exhibit our receipts and expenditures, and the present state of the treasury. The receipts from the churches were as follows: For the Publishing House, $9,235.97; for the Endowment or business capital, $1,527.33; for the general cause of Publication, $6,025.26—total, $16,788.56. The receipts from the store, including merchandise sales and subscriptions to the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker*, were $32,082.64. Rents and interest, $1,805.80. The disbursements were, on merchandise account, $28,039.66. On account of salaries, &c., $7,901.49. Incidental expenses, including postages, stationery, printing, &c., $3,545.25. On account of Publishing House, $14,217.34. In grants of books, tracts, &c., $5,751.98. Our business assets were reported last year at $41,706.06 over and above all claims against the store. This year, after deducting $2,285.30 for usage of stereo-

type plates, &c., they reach $46,917.00, an increase during the year of $5,210.94, whereas the amount added by the churches to our endowment is only $1,527.33, which gives a clear profit on our business of $3,683.61. The amount of funds received out of which the Committee is permitted to make grants of books, tracts, papers, etc., as stated above, was $6,025.26. The amount of grants actually made was $5,751.98, leaving a surplus of $273.28. But the Committee has heretofore made grants in excess of the receipts for that purpose to the amount of $780.29. Hence, this fund is still overdrawn by the amount of $507.01.

The business capital or Endowment Fund was reported to the last Assembly at $37,141.36. If we add the sum of $1,527.33, contributed for that object during the year, it will now amount to $38,668.69. Deduct this from our total assets as stated above, and we have the clear excess of profit from the beginning over our expenses, which is $8,248.40.

The Committee has had to supplement its capital by borrowing more money this year than on any previous occasion. This has arisen mainly from the fact that during the crisis the collection of our out-standing bills was impossible; and since then, and as the result of it, our collections have fallen back more than ever before in the history of our work. We apprehend no serious loss, but only more delay than usual. Our credits in the aggregate are about equal to our debts.

The large proportion of the capital invested in our stereotyped plates is a cause of much embarrassment. This would not have been the case if the business capital had been increased to the amount originally designed—viz. $50,000—with any degree of promptness. But while the Church has expected us to do a work projected on the basis of that capital, it has thus far failed to furnish it to us. The amount of our permanent stock, including stereotyped plates and store fixtures, is over $21,000, leaving for our ordinary business only a little over $17,400. It is a mystery to many, almost so to ourselves, how so large a business can be done on so meagre a capital, especially when it is remembered our out-standing bills due and receivable are $14,193.79. It must be evident to every one that the business can be carried on only with great care, labour and anxiety; and that, while the capital remains thus inadequate, the Secretary can never be able to address himself to the great and important work contemplated in the creation of his office, of studying out the wants of the Church, and addressing himself to the best methods of reaching and supplying them; but must become, what he has practically heretofore been, a mere financial officer, whose mind and labour are occupied with the question of how to keep the business afloat with an inadequate capital.

The ordinary expenses of this year have been considerably enhanced by our removal from the store we formerly rented to the building which we have purchased. The alterations needed were not extensive, and the fixtures we already had were nearly enough for our purposes, though they required some alteration. These expenses—such as shelving, desks, gas-fixtures, water arrangements, the preparing of the vaults for our stereotype plates, the cutting off and furnishing of an office for the Committee, &c.,—are of a kind which will not soon occur again; and indeed the most of them are items which belong to our permanent stock rather than to the expense account.

Our clerical force has remained the same it was one year ago; but the Committee found it necessary last fall to employ some assistance for the Secretary. The Assembly, on one or two different occasions, has authorized an increase of expense for this purpose; but the Secretary has heretofore requested the Committee not to take any action on the recommendation of the Assembly, preferring to attempt to bear his increasing labours rather than add to the expenses of the Committee pending the raising of our business capital. When the Assembly directed the establishment of the *Earnest Worker*, and the publication of weekly lessons for Sabbath Schools, with a regular comment or exposition, the necessity

was evident to employ some minister to attend to that duty. The Rev. Samuel J. Baird, D. D., was requested to undertake that work, and has continued until now with great labour, and much to the satisfaction of the Committee, to prepare the weekly exposition and lessons which have been given in the *Earnest Worker*. The health of the Secretary was such last summer and fall as to render it manifest that there could be no further delay in furnishing him assistance in his regular work. Consequently the Committee requested Dr. S. J. Baird to act as his assistant in such work as was mutually agreeable. Dr. Baird's labours have chiefly been spent in relieving the Secretary of the editorial charge of the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker*, though he has rendered other aid when necessity required it.

At the last annual report the Rev. B. M. Hobson was in the service of the Committee to assist the Secretary in the effort to raise the money required to purchase our building. His efforts were a good deal interfered with by the appointment of a special day for that collection; as nearly every church he visited requested a postponement of the collection until the set time. His efforts, however, were deemed of great value in eliciting an interest in many places, which we did not doubt would bring forth much fruit when the time came. The financial crisis, however, had the effect of sweeping away much of his labours. Consequently he became discouraged, and retired from the field after nine months of faithful and laborious service. The Rev. Dr. Hamner performed a voluntary service of the same kind, simply through love for the Church and the cause. He did not visit many churches, because he found similar obstacles to those which Mr. Hobson encountered; but his unselfish and self-denying labours, in the few places he visited, were crowned with a gratifying degree of success, for which he deserves, and has received, the cordial acknowledgments and thanks of the Committee.

PUBLICATIONS.

The new issues from the press have been much fewer this year than for several years past. Owing to the causes already alluded to, it was impossible to undertake any new publications; and hence we confined ourselves to the work already on hand, only bringing out those important and valuable publications announced to the last Assembly as in progress.

Dr. Ramsey's book, called the "The Spiritual Kingdom," was issued shortly after the rising of the last Assembly; and already the first edition is exhausted, and a second edition is now going through the press. It has been received with manifestations of approval both North and South, and by many competent judges, besides Dr. Hodge, it has been pronounced the best book which has ever been issued on the subject, and one which more than any other makes such practical use of the Book of Revelation, as to render it a source of spiritual edification and enjoyment to God's people.

The "Book of Hymns and Tunes" was issued from the press the first week in March, and already a second edition is called for. The universal testimony, with but a single exception, which has come from those who have examined it, has been in its favour; and in every instance but one, where sample copies have been sent for examination, the book has proved acceptable, and orders have been received for its introduction into the congregations or choirs interested.

There was more delay in bringing it out than we anticipated. The book was fully stereotyped, and proof copies taken, at the time of the meeting of the last Assembly. That body "directed" the Committee to prepare an appendix, "containing such hymns as, in their judgment, may seem for the general and best interest of the Church." This was a heavier task than was at first anticipated; and owing to the absence of the most of the members of the Committee from the city, and the ill-health of the Secretary last summer, the matter had to be delayed till the

fall. Meanwhile, the derangement of the finances of the country, and the consequent impossibility of collecting bills due us, rendered it inexpedient to attempt the heavy expense until the business of the country resumed its accustomed channels. The appendix having been prepared with much care and labour, and stereotyped, the work was put to press and issued on the first of March.

The work of Dr. Witherspoon, issued just before our last report, has been received with great favour, and a second edition is already in press. This publication and the book of Dr. Ramsey ought to be widely circulated; and it would be a great blessing to our Church could a copy of each of these books be introduced into every family.

The sale of Dr. Thornwell's Works has been very small during the past year; much less than we anticipated before the financial disturbance. It is a matter of great importance to secure the wide circulation of these works. Not only is this so, because it is needed to secure a return to the Committee for their large outlay of capital, but also in order that they may produce their legitimate influence in moulding the character of the Church, the hope of which result is the justification of the Committee for undertaking so expensive a work; and still further, that his family may obtain a substantial benefit from the only legacy that eminent divine left them. The work of colportage the Assembly has very wisely left to the Presbyteries, except in special cases. Of course we cannot accomplish anything of value by that method; and yet it furnishes the most feasible method of accomplishing any large result in the general dissemination of those books. Special efforts, however, might be made. The Committee has had a correspondence with the Rev. A. J. Witherspoon, now of New Orleans, with the hope of obtaining his services to undertake a special mission for the circulation of these books. He has peculiar gifts in that way, and in a short effort he made in this kind of labour, when Dr. Thornwell's works first appeared, he was remarkably successful. He has expressed a readiness to engage in it again, and for some time to come, if the plan meets with the approval of the Assembly. He might unite this with a general agency for the funds of the Committee, and accomplish a very important work in both respects. The matter is respectfully submitted to the Assembly for its advice.

Dr. Stuart Robinson has presented to the Committee the stereotyped plates of his able and valuable work, "Discourses of Redemption;" and Dr. Grasty has presented to us the plates of his "Memoir" of our departed brother, Rev. Dr. Samuel B. McPheeters, who fell a martyr to his principles. This enables us to bring out these books at a much cheaper rate than they have heretofore commanded. The price of Dr. Robinson's book has been reduced from $3 to $2, and Dr. Grasty's Memoir from $3 to $1.25. New editions of both of these books are now in press.

The *Children's Friend* has maintained its circulation with but slight variation. The total receipts from its subscribers were $5,923.98; expenses, $5.092.92, showing an excess of receipts of $831.06. The receipts on account of the *Earnest Worker* were $4,519.51; the expenses were $3.868.92, showing an excess of receipts over expenses of $650.59. The two items of excess amount to $1,418.65. If we deduct from this the salary of the assistant to the Secretary, whose time has been chiefly occupied in this editorial labour since September 1, there is still a surplus of $319.15.

Our issues from the press have been as follows: Bound volumes, 20,250; Tract volumes, 20,000; Catechisms, 52,500; Psalms and Hymns, 7,500; Tracts, pages, 1,400,000; Envelopes, 450,000; Circulars, 55,700; Tickets for Sabbath Schools, 1,000,000; Choctaw Hymn-Books, 2,000; Choctaw Spelling Books, 2,000; Choctaw Catechisms, 2,000; Class Books, 1,000; *Children's Friend*, semi-monthly edition, 24,500; monthly edition, 3,500; *Earnest Worker*, 3,400, weekly; Lesson Papers, 7,000, weekly; Voice of Praise, 7,500; Hymns to Voice of Praise, 5,000.

COLPORTAGE.

The colportage work, by the order of the Assembly is wholly committed to the Presbyteries; the larger proportion of which have never attempted anything in the matter. The success of those which have tried it has been various, depending in part on the qualifications of the colporteur, but far more on the energy and fitness of the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Publication. There are several instances where the work was carried forward with great success and usefulness, under one chairman and committee; but where a change occurred in the chairman, the work began to dwindle, and soon came to naught. There are other instances in which there was inefficiency and want of success until another directing head took charge of the matter, when the work assumed a new importance, and advanced forward to complete success. At this time, under the wise and efficient direction of the Presbyterial Committees of Winchester, Arkansas, Fayetteville, Concord, Orange, and Harmony Presbyteries, colportage has been very successfully carried forward among their churches, multitudes of our books have been circulated, and much consequent good has been accomplished. The Presbytery of Ebenezer for a time did a good work in disseminating our books by a colporteur, but at present nothing is doing in their bounds. The Presbytery of Chesapeake have resolved to begin the work, and expect at once to employ a colporteur to canvass all their churches with our books; and the Presbytery of West Texas is about to make a similar effort through their evangelist.

One of our chief difficulties is the lack of capital to furnish a sufficient supply of books for the purposes of colportage. We have to rely on other publishing houses to supplement our own catalogue, a plan which has the great disadvantage that we cannot furnish them to our Presbyteries on sufficiently liberal terms to enable the colporteur to pay expenses and carry on the work. This they could readily do on such terms as we would offer them, in circulating our own publications. This difficulty can only be surmounted by the churches furnishing us the means to enlarge our business in proportion to the increasing demand, as already our business far exceeds our capital, and we meet with constant embarrassment from this fact.

Moreover, to make colportage as effective for good as it ought to be, especially among the destitute classes, the colporteurs should be furnished with books and tracts for gratuitous distribution as they pass through the country. To make this Committee as promotive of the cause of Christ as the Church designed it to be, it must be furnished with larger means to meet such crying wants as this, and to press the work forward through the Presbyteries; and if all our Presbyteries could be induced by this Assembly to undertake and carry on the work of colportage with the degree of success which has attended the efforts of a few of them, not only would this enterprise be greatly enlarged in its dimensions, but in a proportionate degree its intended mission could be accomplished to the glory of God.

THE UNIFORM LESSON SYSTEM.

One of the most difficult subjects to adjust, so as to meet the peculiar wants, reconcile the conflicting views, and satisfy the diversified tastes of Sabbath School labourers in the various parts of the Church, is that of a uniform lesson system. The course originally adopted by the Committee, and which has heretofore obtained the sanction of the General Assembly, is the study of a book of the Bible in its proper order in consecutive lessons. Matthew's gospel was presented on this plan, and also about one-half of Mark; and we are now drawing near the close of the Acts of the Apostles on the same method. The method, however, has been objected to by brethren with conflicting views or reasons. In some parts of the

Church the Shorter Catechism is made the basis of all instruction, unless it be in the infant class, where again a suitable catechism is employed. Those who have adopted this system of instruction are very earnest in its advocacy, and speak with great confidence, and indeed enthusiasm, of their remarkable success in using this plan. Others prefer, and use successfully for all grades of scholars, some such system as Dr. Ramsey's Bible Questions.

It cannot be denied, however, that among those who dissent from the course pursued by this Committee, there is an increasing disposition to adopt and follow the course of lessons called inter-national. The reasons assigned for this preference are various. It is urged that it will manifest before the world the unity of the Church, if all Evangelical Churches and Christians shall be found harmoniously at work, each Church in its own denominational way, and yet all co-operating in the Sabbath School cause, presenting the beautiful sight of every school throughout the whole land actually studying the very same portions of Scripture. Again, it is urged that the inter-national plan is better adapted to the missionary work of the Sabbath School; that our plan suits admirably for well-trained Presbyterian children, and can be successfully used with them; but that the most of our schools, or at all events a very large portion of them, are, and all of them ought to be, composed of heterogeneous elements, many of them being scholars drawn from families who are ignorant, or who have not been trained in the knowlege of the Scriptures, and hence cannot profit by so thorough a system. For the same reason it is urged that the inter-national system, by alternating every six months between the Old Testament and the New, is better adapted to our Sabbath School work among those ingathered from the irreligious and destitute classes, since it provides for their want of privileges, and gives them that general knowledge of the Bible which they lack, and which cannot be so fully given in the consecutive study of a connected portion of God's word.

It is no part of our purpose at this time to discuss these various systems, or to point out either their merits or defects. It cannot be denied that each system has its peculiar excellencies, and, it may be, defects. The success of either of them, or all of them, depends more on the earnestness, the zeal, and the spritual life with which they are prosecuted than on anything else. Hence that system which most completely suits itself to the views and tastes of those who have to carry it out practically, stands the best chance of success. How to meet the wishes, and at the same time how to supply the varying and various wants of our Sabbath Schools, is the practical question which the Committee submits to the General Assembly, and on which we request full instructions. This request has been submitted before, but the General Assembly has heretofore contented itself with remitting the matter to the discretion of the Committee. We have cheerfully borne the responsibility thus devolved upon us, and have great reason to be thankful for the measure of success which we have had in meeting the wants of the Church. But we have not been able at any time to satisfy the wishes of all our brethren, nor do we believe it possible for us to do so. What we have thus far done has been in accordance with our well-matured convictions as to what is best. To that judgment we adhere, looking at it as an abstract question. What effect the practical considerations already suggested may have, or ought to have, in modifying that system, we refer to the General Assembly. Coming as it does fresh from the bosom of the Church, and from the Presbyterial meetings where these are subjects of constant conference and comparison of views, the brethren composing it are far better prepared than it is possible for the Committee to be to come to practical results, and can decide on what is best to be done in a more satisfactory manner.

In this connection it is proper to say that the Synod of Alabama, at its last meeting, adopted a minute requesting the Committee to publish in

the *Earnest Worker* the inter-national lessons, with comments and questions of our own, in addition to the course of lessons we are now pursuing. The request reached us at too late a day to enable us to act on the suggestion at the beginning of the year, even had the Committee concurred in it. For this and other reasons it was resolved, as the most respectful course toward that venerable Synod, to refer the whole matter to the General Assembly for its direction. Since then, and also before that, some of the Presbyteries adopted similar requests; and it is probable that the subject will come before the Assembly in the form of overtures from one or more of them.

We therefore, with this statement, refer the whole subject to the consideration of the General Assembly for its own decision, with the respectful and earnest request that it will not again be devolved on us to decide, but that the Assembly will act authoritatively on the subject. If it shall be deemed best by the General Assembly to adopt the inter-national series, that system can be introduced with the first of July, and can be carried on simultaneously with our lessons in Acts until their completion, and afterwards the inter-national lessons can stand by themselves. Whatever directions the Assembly may adopt on the subject, it will give the Committee pleasure to carry out with all its energy and ability.

THE CHARTER.

In accordance with the authority conferred by the last General Assembly, at its first meeting the Committee organized as a Board of Trustees, accepted the charter which had been granted by the Legislature of Virginia, and filled the vacancy caused by the removal of the Rev. E. H. Rutherford from Virginia, and consequently from the Committee, by the election of his successor, the Hon. Robert Ould, to fill that vacancy, according to the requirement of the charter. Having thus accepted the charter, and organized under it, it is made secure to us just so far as we see proper to use it; and hence it is now at the service of the General Assembly, if it accords with its pleasure to order the Committee to place the property of which it has charge in the legal custody of the corporation. No action has yet been taken to accomplish that result; but the Committee has continued to hold its property and conduct its business as heretofore, and now refers the whole matter to the fresh consideration of the General Assembly, in order that the subject may receive its mature examination, and the Committee obtain its final instructions. In its action thus far, the Committee has simply aimed to carry out the wishes and obey the instructions of the Assembly; and has no desire to originate for the Church, nor fasten on it, a policy which has not been well considered, and which does not meet the cordial approval of the Church at large. The vote of the last Assembly in favour of acceptance of the charter was nearly unanimous, there being but two or three dissenting voices. The Committee had no reason to suspect that there was any want of cordiality in this action, and would have been perfectly justified by the record had it proceeded to transfer the property of the Church to the custody of the corporation, and thus render the act of the last Assembly binding. We have aimed, however, to proceed with due caution and prudence, and to manifest the deference which is due to brethren who dissent from the action on this subject which has been taken. It has been publicly announced, however, that the vote of the last Assembly was given under constraint, and that there is a strong feeling in the Church averse to it. We know nothing of this dissatisfaction beyond the statements of two or three writers in the public journals. There is an artificial importance attached to articles which appear in print, even when the signatures are anonymous, which may not belong to the course of argument or the views expressed. And while the Committee would not feel justified for such reasons to suspend action on any pressing matter which had obtained the sanction of the Assembly, it felt it to be best in this case,

as the question is important, and as no insurmountable inconvenience would result from delay, to postpone final action until the subject could once more be considered by the General Assembly.

We do not deem it necessary to argue the question afresh, but respectfully refer to the last Annual Report for the reasons which influenced us to ask the authority of the Assembly to accept the charter. So far as we have been able to learn, the opposition in the last Assembly arose from a complete misapprehension as to those reasons, and the difficulties of brethren disappeared nearly unanimously when they heard those reasons fully explained. The impression had been made that the cause of our desiring to obtain an act of incorporation was an unwillingness to place our legal interests under the custody of the Trustees of the Assembly. This Committee has never done or said anything to justify any such inference. Were it possible to give validity to the acts of the Trustees of the Assembly in the State of Virginia, no other nor better charter would be needed. It provides that each Committee shall be a branch of the corporation; and hence all that is required to give to each of the Executive Committees the civil franchises which they need, in States whose policy admits of such an incorporation as that of the Assembly's Trustees, is for the Assembly to establish by-laws to regulate the manner in which the business shall be conducted between the Committees and the Trustees; to provide, in a word, for the Committees to act as agents or branches of the corporation in the places of their respective location, according to the manifest purpose of the charter. The Assembly of 1870 requested the Trustees to consider the subject, and after "conference with the Committees, and in concurrence with them," to report such by-laws as would give practical efficacy to the said provision of the charter. Such conference, in point of fact, has never been held; and the independent report of the Trustees in response to this action of the Assembly failed to accomplish the object aimed at by it. In their report, however, they treat the idea that the Committees are branches of the corporation as an impossibility. In our last Annual Report we accepted this judgment of the Trustees, since it has been accepted as the judgment of the Assembly also, without either expressing their approval of, or dissent from, that judgment. A part of the reasoning of that report was, however, based on this action of the Assembly and its Trustees. This course was adopted, because, in any view, the question is not a practical one to us, since the Assembly's Board of Trustees cannot migrate to Virginia, nor set up a branch or agency here, in opposition to the policy of the State, which inhibits the incorporation of "religious denominations."

It is very earnestly urged that all that is needed in order to give efficacy to the Assembly's charter in Virginia, is for the Trustees to appoint the Secretary of Publication their agent, clothed with their authority, to perform all necessary legal acts. This plan is not only impracticable because in contravention of the policy of the State, as already explained; but it is, in an ecclesiastical sense, objectionable, because it would be the origination in the Church of the one-man power; and, in a legal aspect, it is a violation of the Assembly's charter, which, as we understand it, appoints not the Secretary, but the Committee, a branch or agency of the corporation; the design manifestly being to give to each Committee the right to attend to all its own appropriate legal business. and the right to hold its property separately as a branch or agency of the corporation, under the order of the Assembly and the legal sanction and control of the Trustees. Were it possible to render the acts of the Trustees valid in Virginia, instead of asking the Assembly for the privilege of accepting a charter from Virginia, we should have overtured that body to secure the establishment of such by-laws by the Trustees as are necessary to give vitality to the provision of the charter in question. This was the very subject referred to the Trustees and Committees by the Assembly of 1870, and one which we should esteem a matter of great importance under other

circumstances. We think there will be no difficulty in understanding the charter in this particular, if we take it for granted it uses language in its ordinary and usual sense, and that it has no recondite meaning. When it says a branch of the corporation, it does not mean a part of the corporation, much less a co-ordinate corporation, but simply and only an agency of the corporation. But whether that is the meaning of the charter or not, it is perfectly competent for the Trustees of the Assembly to appoint the Committees their agents, and to clothe them with their authority, wherever the policy of the State admits of such incorporations as the Assembly's Trustees. Hence, it is not only so that the Committee, in requesting permission of the Assembly to accept a charter, was not controlled by any indisposition to avail itself of the Assembly's Trustees to hold its property; but in the view just presented it is evident the Committee could have had no motive to reject the provisions of the Assembly's charter, if they had been available for it under the Constitution of Virginia.

The question has been raised as to whether the charter of the Committee is itself valid under the provisions of the State Constitution. The Committee has given the subject careful attention, and has weighed all that has been submitted for its consideration with regard to it, but has seen nothing to shake its convictions as announced to the last Assembly. All the points involved were carefully examined and well considered before the Committee took any action on the subject, and nothing new has been elicited to throw light on it since then. There is, of course, a possibility that any unadjudged question of law may be decided differently from what the public and intelligent counsel might anticipate; but in a matter such as this, which enters into the policy of the State, and concerning which the practice has become more and more settled in the same direction, the probability of such a decision is very remote. Our charter rests on the same basis with that of Union Theological Seminary, which has already met the sanction of this Assembly.

It has been suggested that the question could be easily determined by instituting an amicable suit to adjudicate the matter before the courts. This can be done if the General Assembly deems it necessary for its own satisfaction, or to quiet the apprehensions which may have been caused by the discussion of the subject in the newspapers. The Committee, however, has no evidence of any serious disquietude, and has no doubts of its own to remove. It has felt assured of the validity of the charter from the fact that such charters have repeatedly been granted in Virginia, especially since the constitutional amendment of 1850; and yet their legality has never even been called into question in the courts of law, the acts of the corporations created have not been contested, nor a voice raised against them in the public hearing, so far as we have been able to learn, until within the last few weeks, by a single writer. Moreover, through deference to one or two brethren, in addition to the writer alluded to, who had some doubts on the subject, the matter was twice referred to those members of the Committee who belong to the legal profession. First they were asked to examine into the legal foundation of the objections which had been suggested; and, more recently, in order that we might be prepared to give the Assembly all needed information, they were requested to give us their own legal judgment as to the validity of the charter. They unanimously concur in the opinion that the courts of Virginia would maintain the validity of the charter, and that the corporation thereby created can hold real and personal property within the limit of $200,000, and transact business in the State of Virginia.

It is proper to add, however, that while Judges Fitzhugh and Ould advised against instituting a suit to test the matter as wholly unnecessary, Judge Welford was of the opinion that, for abundant caution, and in order to satisfy the minds of those who may be in doubt, it was advisable to bring the matter before the courts for adjudication. How far such a feel-

ing of doubt or insecurity may prevail, and how much consequent necessity there may be for a judicial determination of the matter, we have no knowledge. The Assembly, which is composed of representatives from all parts of the Church, can ascertain all the facts, and is far better prepared to form a judgment on the subject than we are, and hence to it the whole question is hereby respectfully referred.

That the Assembly may be possessed of all the facts in the case, it is well to state that the uniform policy of this Commonwealth has been adverse to the incorporation of "churches" and "religious denominations," while it has by statute and by judicial decisions made the property deemed necessary for church purposes as secure as in any State in the Union. But from its early history it has granted acts of incorporation for such objects of general charity or Christian enterprise as were requested, when satisfied of their propriety and necessity. About thirty years ago an effort was made to obtain the enactment of a general incorporation law, available for all religious denominations and objects of charity. This act was firmly opposed by the whole Presbyterian population of the State, along with a great majority of our Christian people of other denominations. Dr. Plumer, in 1846, appeared before the Legislative Committee which had the matter in hand, and opposed the change of the law and policy of the State with effective power; and the Synod of Virginia, in 1844, pending the agitation of the subject, adopted a paper to be submitted to the Legislature, expressive of its views and wishes, which in a brief space explains the settled policy of this State on the whole subject:

"*Resolved*, 5, That the Synod do most respectfully ask of the Legislature of this Commonwealth that they will make no fundamental change in the existing laws of the State, which have any bearing upon the subject of religion or religious institutions; but that they will leave themselves at liberty to consider each particular application which may hereafter be presented to them on its own merits, and to act on it under a sense of their duty to God and to their country."

The result was the general incorporation law was rejected, and the State Convention which met in 1850 inserted a constitutional provision forbidding the Legislature to incorporate "any church or religious denomination." But there is no inhibition of the former policy of the State, as set forth in the resolution of the Synod quoted above; nor has the action of the Legislature varied from its course previously to the enactment of that provision of the Constitution. As, however, the fear of the application of "religious denominations" for incorporation has been removed by the constitutional inhibition of 1850, the Legislature has been more ready to grant acts of incorporation for special objects of charity and Christian benevolence than it formerly was.

It might possibly be the case that the General Assembly, on a reconsideration of the subject, will determine it to be inexpedient to permit the continuance of the incorporation of this Committee, and adhere to the policy of having but a single Board of Trustees as formerly, notwithstanding the fact that that corporation cannot act within the State of Virginia. If that be the mind of the Assembly, it is right for it to know that the property can be safely *held* without an act of incorporation, though with extreme inconvenience, on a similar arrangement to that by which the property of Union Theological Seminary was held for the Church for nearly half a century before its incorporation. The property was held in joint title by a designated number of Directors, who kept deeds on file with the Treasurer, ready for record in case of the death or removal of one of the number, transferring the whole property to the survivors. On the death or removal of one of them immediately another member of the Board took his place, his title was made of record, and a deed from him was prepared and filed, to be in readiness for a similar contingency. Moreover, by a recent statute, property for general church

purposes is placed within the protection of the law, along with church buildings, manses, etc., under trustees, without corporate powers, to *hold* it for the designated object. In this case, while the property would be perfectly safe, the real estate could not be used in our business, or made the basis of credit, without a special act of the Legislature to authorize it.

Still further, without an act of incorporation it will be impossible for this Committee to receive devises or bequests in Virginia, since a devise to the Trustees of the Assembly for the uses of this Committee in Virginia would be void. In 1818, the Supreme Court of the United States held that the "Baptist Association which, for ordinary, meets annually in Philadelphia," could not take a legacy from a certain Mr. Hart, of this State, as the said Association was not incorporated. In 1832, the Supreme Court of this State declared a devise by Joseph Gallego, for the benefit of the Roman Catholic congregation of the city of Richmond void at common law, and refer to the decision of Chief Justice Marshall in the preceding case for their reasons. In 1843, Benjamin Brand died, leaving a will making the Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., his residuary legatee, in trust for the Presbyterian Board of Publication, the sum of the legacy, as was supposed, being about $40.000. It was, of course, declared void, as the "Presbyterian Board of Publication" at that time was not incorporated, and hence had no legal status or capacity.* The result of this very case was one of the chief reasons which forced on the Church at that day the incorporation of the Board of Publication. Consequently a charter was obtained for it from the Legislature of Pennsylvania in 1847. The preamble, among other things, says:

"And whereas the aforesaid Board of Publication labours under serious disadvantages as to receiving donations and bequests, and as to the management of funds entrusted to them for the purpose designated in their Constitution, and in accordance with the benevolent intentions of those from whom such bequests and donations are received," etc., etc.

An act of incorporation removes this legal incapacity from committees or associations for religious or charitable objects; for when incorporated, says Chief Justice Marshall, in delivering the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the celebrated Dartmouth College case, "religion, charity, and education, are, in the law of England, legatees and donees, capable of receiving bequests or donations in this form. They appear in court, and claim or defend by the corporation." Moreover, in the same opinion he tersely states the importance of charters for benevolent and christian objects: "They enable a corporation to manage its own affairs, and to hold property without the perplexing intricacies, the hazardous and endless necessity of perpetual conveyances for transmitting it from hand to hand."

With these statements, the whole subject, in all its aspects. is respectfully referred to the General Assembly, for its fresh consideration and untrammeled decision.

OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE.

According to the instructions of the General Assembly, the Committee completed the purchase of the Publishing House, the title of the property dating from the 1st of July, though the tenants who occupied the main floor did not vacate the premises until December. On the first of January we removed from our rented rooms, and took possession of those reserved for our special use in said building.

The building is situated on the corner of 10th and Main streets. It is 24 feet 9 inches wide, 140 feet deep, and 4 stories high, with a basement well lighted, a sub-basement, and five vaults under the pavement on 10th street. While we occupied rented property we were constantly cramped

* See Wheeler *vs.* Smith, 9 Howard, 80.

for room, being unable, from our regular resources, to pay more rent than we did, and hence compelled to contract our business within very narrow limits. Then we had the main store and ware room, and the larger portion of a basement room. On the main floor, to reduce our rent, we leased one window and one side of the store for 75 feet, and also an office in the rear of the store-room, and an office in the rear of the basement-room. This same arrangement is continued in part in our building. We rent one window and the half of the width of the store for 75 feet back, to our treasurer, Charles Gennet, for a jewelry store; we rent Sleight & Howard the privilege of keeping stationery; we keep on our shelves the books of the Virginia State Bible Society, perform the duties of depositary, and furnish them an office in the rear of the building; the basement story is rented for a printing office; the second story has not been permanently rented by us, as the leases of the former tenants have not yet expired; and in the third story three offices have been rented, leaving two more on that floor to be rented. This leaves for our own use the sub-basement for the storage of boxes and waste articles; the vaults, so far as necessary, for the storage of our stereotyped plates; and the whole of the fourth story for the storage of paper, sheets, and surplus stock; besides an ample portion of the commodious store-room. The building is kept insured to the amount of $25,000, the ground being valued at $15,000; and our stock in the building is insured to $30.000.

The rent list is as follows: Charles Gennet, $800; Sleight & Howard, $200; Virginia Bible Society, $600; Basement room. $600; Second story at present, $600; Third story, three offices, $275. Total, $3,075.

The General Assembly requires us to keep the accounts of the new building as a separate and distinct account. In that view it is not only equitable but necessary to charge the rent of the store against the store account, until the building is fully paid for. By the sub-letting in the ways already mentioned, we had reduced our rent in the former building to $1,500. Rating our present rent, with all our additional facilities and extended accommodations, at the same sum, the rent list reaches $4,575. This is liable to a deduction on account of depositary services to the Bible Society, say $300. This will leave the value of our rents $4,275. The second-story, however, as soon as it comes into our hands, will bring us, we doubt not, from $300 to $500 more than we now receive for it; and the third story we hope will soon be fully rented.

The above statement will show that the purchase of the building which we have secured is certainly a safe business investment, and that the funds invested will bring to the Church a full return when the building has been paid for. The wisdom of the policy of purchasing a building for our purposes, however, has been called into question; and the propriety of the action of the Committee in the course it pursued was only doubtingly approved by the last Assembly, because authority had not been specifically conferred on it. Moreover, it said the matter had not been discussed before the public in order to ascertain the mind of the Church before decisive action was taken. The Committee is unable to see what more it could have done in order to ascertain the mind of the Church, or what methods it could have instituted for that purpose, other than those adopted by it. The matter was presented to the General Assembly in the Annual Report for 1872; and it became a subject of earnest conversation among the members of the Assembly, and especially in the meetings of the Standing Committee on Publication. At its request the Secretary presented the subject in an elaborate speech, which was phonographically reported and published in the Church journals, and in the Appendix to the Annual Report. The venerable chairman of the Committee, Rev. Dr. Howe, in his able speech explanatory of the report of the Committee, presented the necessity of a publishing house as one of the reasons for the cordial adoption of the report. The Assembly thereupon adopted it by a unanimous vote. Subsequently, before the adjournment

of the Assembly, many of the members manifested their deep interest in the matter by inquiring of members of the Committee what building we had in view, and the building we now occupy was pointed out to them. After their return home letters were received from some of them making inquiry as to whether we had secured the building; and one brother from North Carolina sent us $5 at a venture as "the first contribution" to the Publishing House. Under such circumstances was it possible for the Committee to doubt what was the meaning of the General Assembly in the action which it had taken?

Feeling ourselves to be fully authorized to go forward, and having every reason to believe the Church desired us to act promptly, the Committee was unwilling to come short of public expectation. With due deliberation the matter was taken up. The subject was laid before the Synod of Virginia, and received its unanimous approval. A circular setting forth the object and our purpose of attempting to make the purchase, was issued to the Church. An agent, the Rev. B. M. Hobson, of Kentucky, was secured, and the voluntary agency of the Rev. Dr. Hamner, of Baltimore, was accepted, to lay the matter before the churches. During all this time, and up to the meeting of the last Assembly, not a word of dissent from our action was heard. No one in public or private intimated to the Committee that he questioned our authority, or the wisdom of the proceeding. Notwithstanding that, though the Committee had no doubt that the Assembly not only designed to confer the authority on it for the purpose, but expected it to exercise the authority it had conferred, the Committee refrained from making the purchase until the matter could again be submitted to the Assembly for its consideration, and the inchoate contract was presented for its sanction. Nor was the contract completed and the purchase made until the organization of the Committee under its appointment from the last Assembly, and in obedience to its express resolution of authority, adopted by a vote approaching unanimity. Now, in response to the doubting clause of the resolution of the last Assembly, we beg to ask how it would have been possible for the Committee to manifest greater deference to the supreme authority of the Assembly; or how it was possible for us to know that there was any adverse opinion in the Church, however large or however small?

The subject of endowments and the wisdom of them has been the theme of some discussion in connection with this matter. If the Assembly proposes to have a Committee of Publication, it matters not what our views as to endowments may be, it must be manifest to the weakest understanding that two things are requisite—a place in which, and a capital with which, to do business. We may rent the place, and may even borrow the business capital, but is it wise to do either? In our judgment it is just as wise to do the one as it is to do the other. As temporary expedients we may do either or both; we must simply do the best we can; but as a permanent policy, it would not only be a lack of economy, but it would be a means of constantly crippling this enterprise and imperilling our work. Now, when the endowment of the Committee is spoken of, all that is meant is that it needs, and, in order to accomplish the work the Church calls upon it to do, must have the necessary capital. The amount of capital furnished determines the character of the work to be done. The Assembly, in the darkness that spread over us as a pall at the first meeting after the war, in reliance on the grace of God, resolved to raise $50,000 as our business capital. A noble beginning was made the first and second years thereafter; but there the effort as a specialty stopped, and what was done was accomplished in a very small portion of the Church. Commensurate liberality, exercised on the Apostle's rule of giving according to ability, would have secured the desired result years ago, to the good of the cause, the advancement of the Church, and the glory of God.

As will be seen by the Treasurer's report, the collections for the building fund have come far short of the expectations of the last Assembly

and the necessities of the case. It is just to say, however, that the response of the churches to this particular cause, and to the general cause represented by this Committee, has been very encouraging, considering the extraordinary financial crisis which began in the middle of last September, and through which the country has scarcely yet passed. The special collection for the building was appointed for the first Sabbath of December, which turned out to be the first day of the darkest week of the depression of business; and, moreover, on that day nearly all over the South there was a heavy rain, which had the effect of thinning out our congregations. The collections in the churches, for these reasons, were much smaller than they would have been under other circumstances. Nearly every letter which brought us these gifts of the people contained words of encouragement, of interest, and of sympathy, and expressions of regret that the sum transmitted was less than anticipated and desired, owing partly to the rain, but chiefly to the extraordinary financial depression. These assurances have been more general and marked than ever before in the history of our work, showing us that our brethren generally approve and appreciate the plans which the Assembly has devised or sanctioned for the establishment of this cause; that the heart of the Church is in it; and that, under favourable circumstances, the response would be adequate to its necessities.

Moreover, in addition to the amounts actually received into the treasury, several thousand dollars have been subscribed to the building, which we hope will reach our treasury during the coming year, though the changed condition of the country and the losses of business men may leave some of the benevolent friends who made these subscriptions without the ability to meet them. Moreover, Mrs. Alathea Brigham, of Louisville, Kentucky, transferred to the Secretary for the Committee the title deed to two lots of ground in this city, as a donation toward this building fund. They were supposed to be of the value of about $1,000. In the fall an offer was made to sell them at that price, and it is probable the sale would have been made but for the financial crisis. Since then it has been deemed inexpedient to attempt to sell them, but to wait for a more propitious time.

CONCLUSION.

With the explanation of our financial condition, which has been made in this report and in the report of the Treasurer, the Committee respectfully submits the whole subject of its wants and the wants of the cause to the consideration of the Assembly, with the earnest request that decisive action will be taken. It is scarcely necessary for us to make any suggestion or recommendation. The Assembly understands the necessities, the wishes, and the disposition of the Church as fully as we can, and cannot be any less sensible of the wants of the cause, and, we doubt not, is as fully alive to its interests as we are.

What the cause needs, and what we all desire to secure, is unity of counsel and of action. Our Church has gone forward from the beginning as a united host; in the midst of weakness made strong by fraternal confidence, love and harmony of opinion in all the practical work it has undertaken. This has secured for the various causes of Christian enterprise represented by the several Executive Committees the cordial support of the whole Church. We are weak in many respects, but, under the blessing of God, in our union has been our strength; for we have great reason to believe that it has been a union wrought by the Spirit of God. May it ever be so. The peace of the Church, the harmony of her counsels, and the union of effort throughout her borders, are objects above all price in comparison with the triumph of any special line of policy, however important or valuable in itself; and no man, or body of men, however respected or beloved, ought for an hour to be allowed to stand in the way

of Church progress, or be permitted to triumph at the expense of Church unity. So far as we are concerned, we have no policy to recommend, unless we believe its chief recommendation to be that it will promote the interests, unite the effort, and develope the life and energy of the Church. No desire is more anxiously felt by this Committee than that, if any of the measures devised by it fail to accomplish these ends, they will be set aside by the Assembly, and their errors be corrected or redressed.

It is a matter of congratulation that our Church from the beginning has organized its benevolent agencies on such principles as keep the whole work and the determination of its policy in the hands of the Church courts; because this accords with our conceptions of Presbyterian polity, and also because it prevents these agencies from becoming centres of influence to interfere with and destroy the independent action of the Assembly as the highest court of the Church. When this report is adopted, this Committee adjourns *sine die* and ceases to exist; when it is received by the Assembly, the whole of the powers delegated by it to this Committee return back to its own hands, and the Assembly sits, deliberates and acts without any trammel whatever. It passes judgment on all that has been done, it prescribes new duties, delegates fresh powers, and re-appoints and removes officers and members of the Committee, according to its own pleasure, unrestrained by any consideration but those arising out of a sense of obligation to promote the best interests of the cause and the welfare of the Church, as connected with it. We trust the Assembly may be able at this meeting to institute such measures as will rally the hosts of the Lord to the conflict, accomplish the establishment of this interest on a firm footing for usefulness, and, with the Spirit's blessing, fully enthrone it in the hearts of Christ's people. It is a great mission which the Church has before it. Every year the need of this enterprise and the expanding nature of our work become more and more manifest; and the special obligation resting on our own particular Church to prosecute this undertaking becomes more and more imperative. The great difficulty we have to contend with is that our business has expanded beyond our resources; and the favour we enjoy is a great source of embarrassment.

Praying that the great Head of the Church may direct in all your counsels, and bring to pass such conclusions with regard to this cause as shall best unite the efforts of the Church and promote the glory of God, we surrender our trusts back to the Assembly from which we received them, and shall with fraternal confidence await its careful scrutiny of our actions and mature consideration of our pressing wants.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,
Secretary of Publication.

RICHMOND, *May* 14, 1874.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION.

The Treasurer of Publication reports his receipts and disbursements for the year ending 30th April, 1874, to be as follows:

RECEIPTS.

DONATIONS FROM SYNODS.

Alabama,	$337 05	
Arkansas,	106 75	
Georgia,	766 06	
Kentucky,	237 61	
Memphis,	115 13	
Mississippi,	246 47	
Nashville,	166 65	
North Carolina,	709 52	
South Carolina,	543 45	
Texas,	222 10	
Virginia,	2,217 40	
		$5,668 09
Miscellaneous,		1,884 50
Total donations,		$7,552 59
Merchandise sales,	$32,082 64	
Bills receivable,	8,747 67	
		$40,830 31
Total receipts,		$48,382 90
Balance per last annual report,		3,890 78
Total funds,		$52,273 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Merchandise,		$28,039 66	
Bills payable,		4,750 00	
Grants,		5,751 98	
			$38,541 64
Secretary's salary,	$2,700 00		
Treasurer's "	100 00		
Clerks' "	5,101 49		
		$7,901 49	
Secretary's travelling expenses,	195 00		
Rents,	1,600 00		
Advertising,	62 75		
Insurance,	300 00		
Postage,	689 62		
Incidentals,	358 00		
Interest account,	339 88		
		$3,545 25	
Total expenses,			$11,446 74
Total disbursements,			$49,988 38
Balance,			2,285 30
			$52,273 68

C. GENNET, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PUBLISHING HOUSE.

RECEIPTS—DONATIONS FROM SYNODS.

Alabama,	$207 18	
Arkansas,	424 16	
Georgia,	352 51	
Kentucky,	705 07	
Memphis,	149 89	
Mississippi,	637 21	
Nashville,	181 05	
North Carolina,	313 09	
South Carolina,	393 30	
Texas,	147 16	
Virginia,	4,986 39	
		$8,497 01
Miscellaneous,		738 96
		9,235 97
Discounts,		17,818 09
Store Rents,		1,743 16
Interest,		62 64
Balance due Treasurer,		771 15
		$29,631 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Payment on building,		10,731 34
Salary and travelling expenses of Agent,		943 80
Bills payable,	15,413 67	
Interest,	337 34	
		15,751 01
Insurance,		345 82
Taxes,		541 34
Carpenter work, painting, plumbing, glazing, iron work, &c.,		1,237 11
Legal expenses and advertising,		12 59
Store fixtures,		68 00
		$29,631 01

April 30, 1874. C. GENNET, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to meet at Columbus, Mississippi, on the 21st day of May, 1874:

The Trustees of the General Assembly ask leave to submit their Annual Report to your venerable body.

The Trustees met at Charlotte, North Carolina, on the 2d day of July last, and elected James Hemphill president, in place of Hon. Thomas C. Perrin, who had declined a re-election as trustee.

The Treasurer has paid out the funds in his hands according to the instructions of the last General Assembly, and a statement of his accounts is herewith presented. Since our last report he has received six thousand dollars, in bonds belonging to the Relief Fund. The total amount of bonds of that fund in his hands is twelve thousand dollars, a detailed statement of which will be found in the Treasurer's report.

The terms of the following trustees will expire at the ensuing meeting of the General Assembly, viz.: Rev. John Douglas, John L. Brown, and John E. Brown.

The present officers of the Board are—James Hemphill, President; Joseph H. Wilson, Vice-President; and Jesse H. Lindsay, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Trustees cannot close their report without grateful mention of the long and faithful services of their late President, Hon. Thomas C. Perrin, who, since the organization of this corporation, devoted so much time and labour to the promotion of its interests.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HEMPHILL, *President.*

CHARLOTTE, N. C., *May 7th*, 1874.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N. C., *May 7th* 1874.

This report embraces all transactions from 2d July, 1873, to this date. At the called meeting in July last a report was submitted, stating in full all that was done from the annual meeting in May to that date.

In obedience to the direction of the Trustees, I have paid out to the Committees entitled, all the money in hand, as will appear by statement of account and vouchers accompanying this report. The interest realized on the different legacies was retained in the treasury by order of the Trustees, and has been partly paid out as per vouchers filed herewith, leaving a balance to-day of $101.46.

The balance due from the estate of Judge Kennedy, deceased, has not been received. I wrote to Messrs. Looney & Hickey, attorneys at law, Columbia, Tennessee, who have the matter in charge, and they answer that they hope to be able to pay over the balance in a few months. It was thought the total would be between ten and eleven thousand dollars; we have received $9,500.

A copy of the minutes in reference to the resignation of Col. Perrin was forwarded to him as the Trustees instructed.

As a member of the Committee, in connection with Dr. Baird, appointed to have printed, in pamphlet form, five hundred copies of the Charter, By-Laws, and other matter, I would state that the order was executed, and copies forwarded to all the stated clerks, as required in the resolution. A number of copies are still on hand, and are subject to the order of the Trustees.

On the 7th of February last, I received from Rev. Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer, &c., five bonds of the city of Augusta, Georgia, $1,000 each, bearing 7 per cent. interest, and due 20th February, 1878, to be held by me as Treasurer of the Trustees for the benefit of the Relief Fund.

The business laid over from the last to this meeting was as follows:

The matter of a legacy by James Irvin, of Nashville, Tennessee, was left in the hands of the President for investigation, and his report to be made to this meeting.

The matter of a will by a Mr. Cumming, in Westchester county, New York, was committed to Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, and he was requested to make report to the Executive Committee.

The matter of the gift by Robert Lusk, of Water Valley, Mississippi, was referred to Dr. E. T. Baird, to conduct the correspondence necessary to secure our interests, and to report to the Executive Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JESSE H. LINDSAY, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT, MAY 7, 1874.

JESSE H. LINDSAY, Treasurer,

In account with the Board.

RECEIPTS.

Total to date from the estate of W. E. Kennedy,		$9,500 00
" " " Mrs. R. C. Park,		900 00
" " " Cyrus Fleming,		185 00
		$10,585 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Rev. R. M'Ilwaine, Treasurer for Foreign Missions,	$1,866 67	
" " " " Sustentation,	6,301 67	
		$8,168 34
" Charles Gennet, Treasurer for Education,	708 33	
" " " Publication,	708 33	
" " " Bible and Tract Cause,	1,000 00	
		2,416 66
		$10,585 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Total received to date,		$419 06
July 4, 1873, Paid to *Charlotte Observer*, for advertising,	$2 00	
" 4, " " E. N. Hutchison, expenses attending meeting,	15 60	
" 8, " " James Hemphill, same,	40 00	
" 8, " " Jesse H. Lindsay, m. book and same,	60 00	
" 8, " " " " salary as Treasurer,	200 00	
Balance on hand, 7th May, 1874,	101 46	
		$419 06

JESSE H. LINDSAY, *Treasurer.*

Statement of bonds in my possession and held by me as Treasurer of the Trustees for the benefit of the "Relief Fund":

1. Three coupon bonds of the city of Augusta, Ga., $1,000 each, all due July 1, 1875, and drawing 7 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually—Nos. 13, 15, 20,	$3,000 00
2. Five coupon bonds of same city, $1,000 each, all due February 20, 1878, drawing 7 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually—Nos. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50,	5,000 00
3. One bond, coupon, of the same city, $1,000, due May 1, 1878, 7 per cent. interest, No. 23,	1,000 00
4. Three coupon bonds, $1,000 each, of the Central Ohio Railroad Company, all due September 1, 1890, and drawing 6 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, Nos. 1,300, 1302, and 1,303,	3,000 00
	$12,000 00

The interest on all, as it becomes due, is forwarded to Rev. Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of Sustentation, and having the care and management of the Relief Fund.

JESSE H. LINDSAY, *Treasurer.*

MAY 7, 1874.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia reports as follows:

A kind Providence has continued the lives and preserved the health of the Professors and students through another session.

The boarding-hall continues to be of material service to the young men in lessening their expenses.

The examinations just closed show that the students have made commendable progress in their studies, and a diligent improvement of the opportunities which the Seminary affords them. The Directors feel impelled to express also their high appreciation of all the Professors of this institution. We are increasingly impressed with their high culture and their peculiar fitness for their respective chairs.

The finances of the Seminary, we regret to say, have not improved during the past year. It will be readily perceived that the Board has encountered serious difficulties in meeting its peculiar liabilities without a full and permanent endowment. We have been greatly relieved in this regard by the liberality of many of the churches. Their cheerful and large contributions are hereby thankfully acknowledged.

The papers which accompany this report will bring to the notice of the Assembly several matters which will require its consideration.

We cherish the hope that the Head of the Church will abundantly bless this "School of the Prophets" in the future, and make it increasingly useful.

J. O. LINDSAY,
Chairman of Board.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia report to the General Assembly that the number of students in actual attendance during the past year has been fifty-seven.

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

E. H. Briggs, of Columbus, Ga., graduate of the University of Georgia, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Macon.

J. C. Carothers, of Starkville, Miss., student of the University of Mississippi, and licentiate of the Presbytery of North Mississippi.

T. H. Cunningham, of Anderson, S. C., graduate of the University of Georgia, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

W. H. Dodge, of Cuthbert, Ga., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Macon.

R. Means DuBose, of Darlington, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

J. DeWitt Duncan, of Louisville, Ky., student of Centre College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Ouachita.

J. G. Hall, of Monticello, Ark., graduate of Davidson College, and member of the Presbytery of Bethel.

C. R. Hemphill, of Chester, S. C., graduate of the University of Virginia, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

J. R. Jacobs, of Clinton, S. C., student of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

T. T. Johnson, of Toronto, Canada, graduate of Knox College, Toronto, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Florida.

D. S. McAllister, of Fayetteville, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

L. R. McCormick, of Chester, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

Carl McKinley, of Lexington, Ga., candidate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

G. W. McMillan, of Sloop Point, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

Alfred L. Miller, of Spartanburg, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Robert A. Miller, of Yorkville, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

R. D. Perry, of Lancaster, S. C., licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

S. R. Preston, of Abingdon, Va., graduate of King College, Tenn., and licentiate of the Presbytery of Florida.

J. A. Smith, of Robeson county, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and member of the Presbytery of Savannah.

J. W. Spratt, of Fort Mill, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

J. H. Thornwell, of Columbia, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

IN THE MIDDLE CLASS.

J. J. Anderson, of Summerfield, Ala., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

James S. Black, of Burgaw, N. C., candidate of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

David O. Byers, of Abingdon, Va., graduate of King College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Holston.

Wm. B. Crawford, of Arkadelphia, Ark., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Ouachita.

Albert B. Curry of Climax, Ga., licentiate of the Presbytery of Savannah.

Thomas R. English, of Mayesville, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

J. Y. Fair, of Abbeville, S. C., student of the University of Virginia, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

John Wm. Flinn, of Holly Springs, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and licentiate of the Presbytery of North Mississippi.

H. B. S. Garriss, of South Washington, N. C., candidate of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

Isaac M. Ginn, of Amandaville, Ga., graduate of Oglethorpe University, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

J. Harry Hammet, of Manning, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

James E. Jones, of Dirt Town, Ga., licentiate of the Presbytery of Cherokee.

Richard C. Ligon, of Abbeville, S. C., graduate of Erskine College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

T. M. McConnell, of Abingdon, Va., graduate of King College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Abingdon.

William E. McIlwaine, of Providence, N. C., graduate of Erskine College, candidate of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

D. C. Rankin, of Greensboro', N. C., student of Stewart College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

Robert A. Reid, of Moffettsville, S. C., graduate of Erskine College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

J. Montgomery Rhea, of Blountville, Tenn., graduate of King College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Holston.

Robert N. Smith, of Jonesboro', Ga., graduate of Oglethorpe University, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

J. Witherspoon, of Columbus, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Tombeckbee.

IN THE JUNIOR CLASS.

Joseph Y. Allison, of Concord, N. C., student of the University of Virginia, and candidate of the Presbytery of Concord.

S. C. Caldwell, of Senatobia, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi.

A. M. Hassell, of Crockett, Texas, student of Austin College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Eastern Texas.

John Henderson, of Ontario, Canada, candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

W. T. Hollingsworth, of Atlanta, Ga., graduate of Oglethorpe University, and candidate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

J. J. Johnson, of Euharlee, Ga., student of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Cherokee.

W. W. Killough, of Searcy, Ark., student of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

M. R. Kirkpatrick, of Fort Deposit, Ala., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

J. C. McMullen, of Pleasant Ridge, Ala., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.

D. A. McRae, of Harnette county, N. C., candidate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

S. Leslie Morris, of Abbeville, S. C., graduate of Erskine College, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

R. O. B. Morrow, of Summerville, Ala., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

James W. Rogan, of Bristol, Tenn., graduate of King College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Holston.

W. M. Stratton, of Jackson, La., student of Centenary College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Louisiana.

W. G. F. Wallace, of Clayton, Ala., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

A. W. Wilson, of Yorkville, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

From Alabama, 5; Arkansas, 3; Georgia, 9; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 4; North Carolina, 8; South Carolina, 17; Tennessee, 3; Texas, 1; Virginia, 3; Canada, 2.

Of those who were reported to the Assembly last year, Mr. R. M. Kirkpatrick, Mr. N. M. Long, Mr. P. M. McKay, of the last Middle Class, and Mr. W. A. Dabney, of the last Junior Class, did not rejoin the Seminary at the beginning of the year, but the two former are expected to return at the next session.

Messrs. J. A. Smith, J. DeWitt Duncan, R. M. DuBose, and W. H. Dodge entered fields of labour before the term reached its close. Messrs. G. W. McMillan, of the Senior, and D. A. McRae, of the Junior Class, have been obliged to suspend their studies through ill health.

Messrs. E. H. Briggs, J. C. Carothers, T. T. Johnson, and S. R. Preston, Seniors, J. N. Rhea, of the Middle Class, and J. E. McMullen and James W. Rogan, of the Junior Class, have been dismissed at their own request, on the ground of their inability, from alleged conscientious difficulties, to attend on the Sabbath services of the Faculty.

The meetings of the Society of Inquiry on Missions have been attended

with interest during the year. Two members of the Senior Class will shortly leave for foreign lands, and a third has offered himself for missionary service to the Assembly's Committee.

The boarding arrangements have been satisfactorily conducted during the year, and by the aid of our friends excellent board has been afforded at very reasonable rates, being less than eleven dollars per month.

Near the commencement of the last session, the utility, if not the necessity, of permitting the Senior Class and all licentiates to visit such vacant or destitute churches as might be reached on Saturday, and a return to the Seminary accomplished on Monday, was urgently pressed upon us. To a considerable number of the students this permission was granted once or twice. But the arrangement worked badly. It very seriously broke in upon studies and upon the profit of lectures and recitations on branches of great importance to the students. We are, therefore, fully persuaded that our previous uniform rule was the right one. It is our purpose hereafter to abide by it.

Mr. C. R. Hemphill, of the graduating class, has been appointed Tutor of Hebrew by the Faculty, and is expected to enter on his labours at the opening at the next Seminary year.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE HOWE, *Chairman.*

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBIA, *May* 11, 1874.

TREASURER'S REPORT, MAY 11, 1874.

H. MULLER, Treasurer,

In account with Columbia Theological Seminary.

1873.		DR.		
May 9,	To Cash on hand,			$470 52
" 19,	" Cash borrowed by order of Board of Directors from Endowment Fund,			800 00
Sept. 12,	" Amount of insurance scrip from Black & Waring,			24 20
1874.				
Jan. 16,	" Donation from A. D. Davidson, Charlotte, N. C.,			500 00
	Receipts from investments, from May, 1873, to May, 1874,			5,515 52
	Contributions by churches and individuals,			4,791 47
				$12,101 71
		CR.		
1873.	By Paid balance, Professors' salaries due to April 1, 1873,		$1,300 00	
	" Paid account of " April 1, 1874,		9,680 00	
	" Cash for collections, extra postage on circulars, and post office money orders,		9 66	
	" H. Muller, Treasurer's salary to April 1, 1874,		200 00	
	" Cash paid taxes on Seminary property in Ark.,		22 65	
Sept. 12,	" Insurance on Seminary buildings,		311 00	
	" Dr. Woodrow, printing circulars and catalogues,		148 00	
	" Expenses of Board of Directors,		33 70	
Nov. 5,	" Dr. Howe, bill of sundries,		34 91	
" 22,	" " bill of wood, J. E. Jones,		10 40	
Dec. 2,	" Dr. Plumer, expenses to Augusta,		2 20	
				11,752 62
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,			$349 09

H. MULLER, *Treasurer.*

COLUMBIA, *May* 11, 1874.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, VIRGINIA.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Trustees of Union Theological Seminary, in Virginia, as required by the Constitution of the Corporation, submit to the General Assembly, this their Annual Report, for the year ending the 8th day of April, 1874.

By the favour of God, the health of the Professors and students has been uniformly good, and the former have all been at their posts from the beginning of the term in August last, except the Professor of Biblical Literature and Interpretation of the New Testament, (Dr. Alexander) who was absent by leave in Europe until the middle of October, 1873, when he resumed the duties of his chair.

The number of students in attendance during the year is *sixty;* twenty-four of whom entered as *new* students—a larger number than has been enrolled in any single year in the previous history of the Institution.

The graduating class numbered *fourteen*, all of whom, with one exception, received the usual certificate of having completed the prescribed course of instruction. Those receiving this certificate are as follows, to wit:

Thomas J. Allison, Davidson College, North Carolina; James C. Cowan, Leesburg, East Tennessee; Cecil Lee Ewing, Lee county, Virginia; Robert H. Fleming, Monterey, Virginia; William H. Groves, Wilmington, North Carolina; Hugh Henry, Salem, Virginia; Carson W. Hollis, Gerardstown, West Virginia; Cornelius Miller, Columbus, Mississippi; John Henry Moore, Florence, Kentucky; John B. Morton, Botetourt county, Virginia; John A. Scott, Jefferson county, West Virginia; Jesse A. Wallace, Soddy, East Tennessee; Henry S. Yerger, Memphis, Tennessee.

It is gratifying to the Trustees to be able to report that the deportment and proficiency of the students have been such as to merit the distinction of being called "singularly exemplary," and that, with three or four exceptions, all have remained at the Seminary until the close of the term. The members of the Senior class all remained without exception.

In reference to the *finances* of the institution there is nothing new to report, except in the following particulars: The semi-annual income on two of the railroad corporations—amounting to $330—was not paid in January, 1874; but this, it is hoped, is only a temporary suspension on the part of the companies in paying their interest. Mr. H. G. Guthrie, of Augusta county, Va., has made a generous donation of an interest-paying public-security, to the amount of $2,500, to found a scholarship. Two thousand two hundred dollars of a public security have been added by purchase during the year. The income of the Seminary, it may be added, has met the full payment of the salaries of the Professors, and the current and incidental expenses. A detailed statement of the investments and liabilities of the corporators will be hereto appended.

The *Library* has received an increase of six hundred and eighteen volumes, for the most part imported from abroad, and relating to the various departments of Biblical study. The total number of volumes is nine thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

The Trustees would further add, that the *messing* system has been tried by some of the students during the session, and that the result has been encouraging as to the practicability of this mode of diminishing expenses. Donations, in the form of provisions, &c., from friends of the institution, have contributed materially to the success of the system, and this form of benevolent aid is commended to the notice of churches, and persons who feel an interest in the Seminary.

In conclusion, the Trustees would again ask the Assembly and Synod to unite with them in devout thankfulness for the continued favour of the Head of the Church to this "School of the Prophets," and in praying that the Divine blessing may be yet vouchsafed to it more and more.

By order of the Trustees,

WM. BROWN, *President.*

HAMPDEN SIDNEY, VA, *April 8th*, 1874.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Wm. Brown, D. D., (Richmond, Va.,) President of the Corporation.

Rev. J. Rumple, of North Carolina, and A. G. McIlwaine, Esq., of Virginia, Vice-Presidents.

Judge F. N. Watkins, Farmville, Va., Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. Dr. B. M. Smith, Librarian.

Rev. Dr. T. E. Peck, Intendant.

Rev. Dr. R. L. Dabney, Clerk of the Faculty.

TRUSTEES.

From Synod of North Carolina.—Ministers: F. H. Johnston, Joseph M. Atkinson. J. Henry Smith, D. D., H. G. Hill, James P. McPherson, Walter W. Pharr, Colin Shaw, and J. Rumple. Elders: Messrs. E. McGilvary, E. Nye Hutchinson, M. D., R. L. Beall, M. D., and A. T. Summey.

From Synod of Virginia.—Ministers: Wm. Brown, D. D., C. H. Read, D. D., J. J. Bullock, D. D., H. M. White. J. L. Kirkpatrick. D. D., W. T. Richardson, Alexander Martin, D.D., and Charles White. Elders: A. G. McIlwaine, E. M. Armstrong, J. N. Sydenstricker, and F. N. Watkins.

FACULTY.

Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., Professor of Oriental Literature.

Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D., Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology.

Rev. Thomas E. Peck, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity.

Rev. H. C. Alexander, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature and Interpretation of the New Testament.

STUDENTS.

The residences of students for 1873–74, are as follows: From Virginia, 20; North Carolina, 11; Tennessee, 10; Kentucky, 4; Missouri, 2; West Virginia, 5; Mississippi, 2; Georgia, 3; Arkansas, 1; Alabama, 1; South Carolina, 1. Total, 60.

Correspondents will note that the post-office address of the Professors and students is "*Hampden Sidney*, Prince Edward county, Va.;" that of the Treasurer and Secretary is "*Judge F. N. Watkins, Farmville, Va.*"

CHARTER.

On the 9th of January, 1867, (see Acts 1866–'67, page 506,) the Legislature of Virginia incorporated the Seminary under the legal title of "The Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia," and, by that name they may "acquire, receive, hold, possess and enjoy all lands, money, or other property, real or personal, which may have been, or which may be given, or otherwise acquired for the use of said Seminary: provided, that the sum of money so acquired shall not exceed $500,000, and that the amount of land held by them shall not exceed two hundred acres."

FINANCIAL.

Under the order of the Board, the Treasurer's balance sheet on his ledger, as at 1st of April, 1874, (the end of the financial year,) is here appended:

ASSETS.

North Carolina bonds and certificates	$4,147 00
Debt in suit	15,000 00
Des Moines Valley railroad	1,000 00
St. Louis and Iron Mountain railroad	1,000 00
Nashville	1,000 00
Georgia bonds	12,000 00
Virginia consol bonds	18,200 00
Virginia registered	116,995 00
Clover Hill railroad	5,000 00
South Side railroad	5,000 00
Virginia Central railroad	6,000 00
Richmond and Danville railroad	10,100 00
City of Richmond	8,000 00
Manassas Gap railroad	3,500 00
Orange, A. and M. railroad	1,700 00
Individual bond in Chicago	30,000 00
Individual bond in New York	250 00
Long Island Bank, seven shares	350 00
Cash	1,788 81
	$241,030 81

LIABILITIES.

Scholarships	$ 31,500 00
Directors' expenses, &c	27 70
Brown Lib. Hall	20,278 91
Library Fund	7,601 76
Income account (bal.)	1,168 49
Investment account (bal.)	180,453 95
	$241,030 81

It will be appropriate to add that the public securities above named are not all equally productive, and that on some, incomes are not derived at present. The sums in money (above expenses) are from time to time invested, and are held in the name of the Corporation.

The next term in the Seminary begins August 12th, 1874, and ends April 14th, 1875.

WM. BROWN, *President.*

PLAN PROPOSED FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the last General Assembly the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

"In view of the necessity for greatly increased contributions to sustain the benevolent enterprises of the Church, and also of the fact that from so large a portion of our people there is a lamentable failure of co-operation in this work,

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into careful consideration this whole subject, and especially the practicability and efficiency of some plan by which the funds to be raised for the purpose above referred to may be apportioned among the Presbyteries, and through them among the churches."

The subject is one of wide extent, as well as of vital interest, but the committee to whose consideration it has been intrusted do not judge it best to present their report in the form of an elaborate argument. A concise statement of the essential points involved will be sufficient to aid the Assembly in such an estimate of the matter proposed, as may be necessary at the present time.

First, As to "*the necessity for greatly increased contributions to sustain the benevolent enterprises of the Church.*" This necessity, and in all its urgency, is manifest the moment we look at two facts. One is the "great and effectual doors" which the wonderful providence of God is opening at home and over the whole world. There has been nothing to compare to it in all the ages. The other fact, sad and humiliating, is, that we are not entering these doors as we ought. "The benevolent enterprises of our Church" are only sustained to an extent lamentably inadequate to our wants. Every circular, letter, and report from our Executive Committees is a proof of this. It would be unjust to our Church to assert that but little has been effected. A great work has, in fact, been accomplished under peculiar trials, for which all should be grateful to God. But the Annual Reports for the last five years demonstrate the distressing truth that, so far as contributions for sustaining these schemes is concerned, there has been almost no increase in some, very little in others, and in none of them has it been at all commensurate with the imperative demands of our position. Nothing can be plainer than the truth with which our beloved Church is now confronted, that it must secure a greatly increased income for the treasury of the Lord, or stand out, at no distant day, before the eye of the world and of its adorable Head, as in a large degree a failure in the great work committed to its charge. Who of us can bear the thought of such a reproach and of such a sin?

Second, Another essential point to be noticed is that *this failure is mainly owing to the fact referred to in the resolution at the head of this paper*, namely, that "*from so large a portion of our people there is a lamentable failure of co-operation in this work.*" Taking our four schemes into view, it may be safely estimated that from not more than one-half of our churches, and from not more than one-fourth of our people, are annual contributions received. How completely a general co-operation would supply our deficiencies can be demonstrated in a moment; for if an average of only three cents a week had been received from each member of our Church last year, it would have exceeded the amount given for Sustentation, Foreign Missions, Publication, and Education by $44,000. Whatever plan, therefore, can be devised to reach all our churches, and bring their personal responsibility thoroughly home to the hearts of all our people, will bring an effectual remedy for this great evil. And it is equally manifest that nothing short of this ever can answer the demands of the case.

Can such a remedy be found? Your Committee are encouraged, according to the idea presented in the resoluton adopted by the last Assembly, to regard with favour, both as to its "practicability and efficiency," a "plan by which the funds to be raised for the purpose above referred to may be apportioned among the Presbyteries, and through them among the churches." Let it be supposed, for the sake of illustration, that the plan to be proposed were now adopted by this Assembly, then an outline of its working would be as follows:

1. Let a committee be appointed by this Assembly, whose duty it should be, in connection with the Secretaries of our four schemes of benevolence, to make a careful estimate of the amount (as a *minimum*) of what would probably be considered necessary for each during the year from April, 1875, to April, 1876, and also how much, all things considered, it may be practicable to raise. Then let these amounts be equitably apportioned among the Presbyteries of our whole Church. This apportionment would, at least in the first instance, require much consideration, and should be

prepared for the Assembly by a very large committee, so that it may be made upon good information of the relative pecuniary ability of all the Presbyteries.

2. At the meetings of the Presbyteries next fall, let each one fairly distribute their respective amounts among the churches, and appoint a standing committee on this subject.

3. Let this plan go into operation in April, 1875.

4. Let the Assembly of 1876, and of each succeeding year, make its estimates, as before, of the amounts which should and may be raised. If it is an increase, it can be at once apportioned, *pro rata*, among the Presbyteries, and by them (through their Standing Committees) among the churches, and thus become immediately operative through them all.

This plan is recommended by the following considerations :

1. It is simple in its operation, and falls in with the arrangements belonging to our Presbyterian form of government.

2. Its operation is fair and equal. Whether giving be viewed as a burden or a privilege, it proposes to give all an equal share, or as nearly equal as it is practicable to arrange in such a matter. If any apportionment may be deemed unequal, the Presbyteries can find relief in the Assembly, and the churches in their Presbyteries, where all are represented.

3. It fixes special responsibility, and brings a special pressure to bear as nearly as possible upon the sources from which the revenues of the Church are derived.

Upon our present plan the burden of responsibility in this matter unwisely rests too much at a remote point upon our Executive Committees. What is the result? They are in pressing need of funds to carry on the work of the Church, and send out circular after circular, each *a special appeal*. It is all they can do, and they have done it nobly. But when special appeals become the rule instead of the exception, it is inevitably at the expense of their effectiveness. And it is but too plain that we are, to no small extent, already overtaken and damaged by this very kind of reaction.

But take the other plan, and what is its operation? In the first place, the appeal is carried without fail, and directly to each pastor and to his colleagues among the elders and deacons. Through them its pressure of responsibility comes down with immense power upon the congregation. Their apportionments are known ; are matters of public record. Their Christian honour is at stake ; it is felt to be an exceedingly grave responsibility to have a failure fixed in open day upon them in a sacred cause approved by the whole Church, and where nothing but a fair proportion and an amount easily within their means is assigned them. If one collection does not secure it, the probability is that two will be taken rather than be reported as negligent or parsimonious. It will thus tend strongly to diffuse a feeling of personal responsibility, and stimulate the personal conscience through the whole congregation ; and whenever that point is reached our financial embarrassment will cease.

In the next place, it fixes a deep sense of responsibility directly upon the Presbyteries. Their apportionment also is ascertained ; is of public record ; and their Christian honour is also involved. If the amount is deficient they will be more disposed to put their hand upon the delinquent church, and will contrive many ways to provoke it to love and good works.

In both cases, therefore, in the church and in the Presbytery, the responsibility is precisely ascertained and understood, and must be openly met ; and cannot, as now, be wrapped up in a napkin and be lost sight of in the general result.

There is nothing good to be obtained without the hazard of some attendant evils. The chief objections likely to be urged against this plan are probably these :

1. That the appeal in this holy cause ought to be to our sense of gratitude

and love to Christ and His Church, and not to an inferior motive. The answer, briefly, is that this greatest of all influences upon the human heart is not hereby excluded, and that the Word of God makes use of every kind of right motive to stimulate us to the performance of our duty.

2. That it will lead to a wrong standard of giving, inasmuch as it will teach Christians to give not "as the Lord hath prospered," and as they would otherwise "purpose in their hearts," but merely according to what might be considered their proportion of a certain amount. But it is believed there are many effectual safe-guards against such a tendency, among which is the consideration, to be constantly presented, that the estimate of the Assembly as to the amount needed is a minimum; that there is, therefore, ample scope for the most large-hearted liberality, and that every dollar thus contributed could be expended to advantage.

3. That this plan of apportionment is an infringement of Christian liberty. The answer is, that it is not to be viewed as a rigorous mandate—followed, in case of disobedience, by judicial process. It is simply an estimate agreed upon by the churches themselves, through their own representatives, as to what is considered fair and proper for each to do in a great and holy work to which, by solemn covenant vows, they are all consecrated.

It has, therefore, simply the force of a very high moral obligation. And if our Presbyterian Church cannot, through its pastors and judicatories, rightfully go that far, and "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine," as circumstances may require, it might as well be stripped of all authority, and be disintegrated into separate, independent congregations. But, in point of fact, is it not too late to urge this objection? We have long sanctioned the principle involved by apportioning the Contingent Fund of the Assembly in this very way; and it may be added that the ease, certainty and promptness with which it is collected is no small argument in favour of the plan presented in this report.

But sudden changes are seldom wise, or of permanent duration. In a matter of such extreme importance as this report involves, it should not be entered upon until it has been thoroughly examined in all its relations, so that, if adopted, it may be sustained by the general sentiment of the Church. Should it, therefore, be regarded with sufficient favour by this Assembly, and be thought worthy of a careful examination, your Committee beg leave to recommend that it be sent down to the Presbyteries for their careful consideration, and that they be requested to return to the next Assembly an expression of their opinion as to its merits.

WILLIAM BROWN,
E. T. BAIRD,
J. LEIGHTON WILSON,
} *Committee.*

[The last named of the above Committee, without expressing any decided opinion as to the merits of the plan proposed, so far concurs in the report as to recommend that it be sent down to the Presbyteries for their examination.]

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTER FROM DELEGATES OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

St. Louis, *May* 25, 1874.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of North America—Southern States.

Rev. and Dear Sir: We were deputed by the Free Church of Scotland, of which we are ministers, to visit your General Assembly, if at all in our power; and on our arrival in America we had hoped to be able to get to Columbus. As we advanced on our journey, however, we found that it would be impossible for us to carry out this intention, and be in time for the other church meetings in the United States and Canada, which we were appointed to attend. With great reluctance, we were obliged to give up the idea of visiting your Assembly, and as the only way of making up for seeming neglect, we beg to send in writing our cordial greeting, and to bid you God speed in all your endeavours to advance the cause of Christ in the Southern States.

We rejoice to hear of your zealous efforts to preserve the purity of Christian doctrine, and, along with the other churches of this land, we trust you may be enabled effectually to repel the assaults that are being made on our common faith from various quarters. In your land, as in ours, the Lord seems to be calling on His people to draw more closely together, and to present a united front to the common enemy. We earnestly desire that He would remove all hindrances out of the way, so that with one heart and hand we may help on the coming of the kingdom, convincing an unbelieving world how much of real unity there is among the followers and friends of Christ, and how much more there is of agreement among them than of difference.

We cannot doubt that there is a great future before the Church of Christ in this land; and in order to it fulfilling its high mission, we can but pray that there may be a plentiful outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and that the blessing we have recently been receiving in Scotland may be largely extended to the sister Church and country of America.

We send on the commission with which we were furnished on leaving Scotland, and a copy of the proceedings of last General Assembly, and of our Acts of Assembly. It would be gratifying to our Church to receive any similar document from you, that we might have fuller and more accurate knowledge of the work in which you are engaged.

We have the honour to remain, Rev. and dear sir, yours in Christian bonds,

J. H. WILSON.
JAMES C. BURNS.

OVERTURES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Overture 8.—No. 1.

At the meeting of the Synod of South Carolina, Nov. 16th, 1872, the following paper was adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod is glad to hear of any willingness among the coloured people within our bounds to seek instruction from our ministers, and that all our ministers and all the members of our churches are hereby encouraged to engage earnestly in every proper way in the good work of promoting the knowledge of the gospel among these people.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod the way is clear, the General Assembly concurring, for our ministers to assist this people in organizing themselves into Presbyterian churches, separate from our Presbyteries, with the understanding that they may look to us for religious instruction, so far as we can furnish it, until God in his providence shall raise up competent ministers of their own to lead them in the right way.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod, while expressing its own opinion in this form, is sensible of the desirableness of harmony of opinion and action in our whole Church, and would, therefore, overture the General Assembly, at its next meeting, to reconsider the plan it recommended in 1869.

The above is a true extract from the Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina at Columbia, November 16th, 1872.

WM. BANKS, *Stated Clerk.*

Overture 8.—No. 2.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly meeting at Columbus, Mississippi, May 21st, 1874.

The accompanying Overture of the Synod of South Carolina, adopted November 16th, 1872, failed to reach the Assembly meeting at Little Rock last year before its adjournment, although sent by *mail.*

The Record Book, with the Minutes of the Synod of 1872, was not sent up to the Assembly because the Express Agent *at this place* declined being responsible for their safe transmission and return over the Mississippi, where another company would have the books in charge. And inasmuch as the Records containing the Minutes of our Synod, sent by express to the General Assembly which met in 1861, were lost or never returned to us, the present Stated Clerk of the Synod did not send the Record Books to the last General Assembly, but sent a certified printed copy *by mail*, which, with the Overture referred to above, failed to reach the Assembly in time.

At the last meeting of the Synod of South Carolina (see Record Book, page, 399), on the first day of November, A. D. 1873, the following action was had in reference to the subject of which the Overture treats, viz.:

"Synod then took up the subject of ordaining ministers and organizing Presbyterian churches among our coloured people. Rev. J. O. Lindsay moved that the Overture of the last Synod, asking the Assembly to modify its plan, be re-affirmed and sent up to the next General Assembly. After considerable discussion the motion prevailed.

The above is a true extract from the Minutes.

WM. BANKS, *Stated Clerk.*

Fort Mill, S. C. *May 7th*, 1874.

Overture 9.

The Presbytery of East Hanover does hereby present to the General Assembly the following memorial, asking said Assembly to take order, in such manner as shall be deemed best, for organizing, as far as practicable, the coloured members in its connection into a separate ecclesiastical body. This memorial is grounded upon the following considerations:

1. That it seems to present the only comfortable solution of various difficulties and troubles connected with the plan of embracing both classes in one organization.

2. That it is the plan for which the coloured people themselves have almost universally manifested a most decided preference.

3. That this plan has in its favour the argument derived from experience, having been adopted and successfully prosecuted by nearly all the Protestant Christian denominations in the South.

Inasmuch as it is understood that this subject has been very fully presented in a paper adopted by the Synod of Mississippi, to be laid before the Assembly, it is not considered necessary for this Presbytery to enter minutely into a discussion of its merits.

By order of the Presbytery,

W. A. CAMPBELL, *Stated Clerk.*

Overture 10.

The following action was had by the Synod of Memphis at its sessions in Holly Springs, Mississippi, November, 1873, viz.:

Resolved, 1st, That in our judgment our Church can most efficiently promote the spiritual interests of the coloured people by organiziug them into a separate Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, 2d, That we think that it is not only desirable, but that it is our duty as a Church to adopt this plan of evangelization among the coloured people at the earliest day, with the greatest unanimity possible.

Resolved, 3d, That we do, therefore, memorialize the next General Assembly (to meet in Columbus, Mississippi,) to digest and present for the consideration of our Presbyteries a plan by which the coloured people will be induced to organize and secure a charter for the "African Presbyterian Church of America," with the pledge that our branch of the Church will, in the utmost kindness, give them all the counsel, preaching, instruction, and pecuniary aid that we possibly can.

R. B. EVANS, *Stated Clerk.*

Overture 11.

The following paper, presented as a report to the Synod of Mississippi, was adopted by that body as an Overture to the General Assembly, as will appear from the resolution appended at its close.

Report of the committee on evangelization of the freedmen, to the Synod of Mississippi, in session at Hazlehurst, November, 1873.

The Synod of Mississippi at its last meeting, 1872, adopted the following resolutions, which are prefixed to this report as bringing immediately before the eye the topics which it is made the duty of the committee to investigate :

Resolved, That released by emancipation from the peculiar religious responsibilities resting upon us as owners of slaves, we have not been thereby freed from the paramount obligation to preach the gospel to those who dwell, as they do with us, in the same territory.

Resolved, That any reluctance on their part to receive instructions from us ought not to be construed as a providential hindrance, excusing us from labouring in a field once so extensively and successfully cultivated by us, unless judicious and persistent but unsuccessful efforts shall have first been made to overcome it.

Resolved, That our ministers, elders, and members be earnestly urged to labour for their religious instructiou, as they shall be able to gain access to them.

Resolved, That a committee of —— be appointed, to whom the whole subject of our duty to the negroes, and the best methods of solving the delicate and difficult questions connected with their evangelization shall be committed, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of Synod, to be held at Hazlehurst in November next.

These resolutions clearly evince the sincere desire felt by us to fulfil our whole duty to the coloured people in the midst of us; and they sufficiently indicate the nature of the embarrassment which impedes its

faithful prosecution. Nor do we stand alone in this perplexity. In most, if not all the Presbyteries and Synods connected with our Church, the subject has been pondered ever since the relations of this people to us have been changed. If the tentative legislation adopted in all these different courts could be collected, and exhibited in a single view, it would disclose an amount of painful anxiety to overtake this particular duty, that should absolve them from the reproach of indifference which has been cast up by those who are not in a position to appreciate the real difficulties in the case. But this collection of testimony, even if access were easily gained to the records in which it is entombed, would only burden this report. A brief *resume* of what has been attempted by the General Assembly, will, however, throw light on this investigation, and show the successive steps by which the Church is slowly and conscientiously working her way to the solution of this vexed problem.

PAST ACTION OF THE ASSEMBLY.

In 1865, while the country was still rocking in the last swell of a subsiding civil war, our Assembly planted itself upon the following points: That the coloured people had never stood in any other relation to the Church than as human beings, lost with us in the fall of Adam, redeemed with us by the death and sacrifice of Christ, and participants with us in all the benefits and blessings of the gospel; that the abolition of slavery has not altered these relations, nor lessened the debt of love we owe them; that past experience having shown the advantages of uniting the two races in the worship of God, there is no reason why this may not be continued; but that, if the coloured people should prefer to organize themselves into distinct congregations, this may be done for the present under white pastors and elders, until such time as suitable pastors and elders may be raised up amongst themselves, in all which they will be encouraged and assisted by us. Minutes 1865, pp. 370, 371.

In 1866 these views are fully elaborated and thrown somewhat into a working form. The Assembly reiterates the interest felt in the religious condition of the freedmen, which it believes to be one of alarming jeopardy. It deprecates the ecclesiastical separation of the two races, which it considers fraught with evil, especially to the coloured, who should, therefore, be affectionately dissuaded from severing their connexion with our Church. Should, however, this fellowship in ordinances be declined, Sessions are empowered to organize coloured branch congregations, with superintendents or watchmen of their own, under the jurisdiction and control of the Session. In cases where Presbyteries shall organize coloured congregations, the care of these is devolved upon a commission of elders appointed to this duty. The institution of Sabbath Schools among them is urged upon the Sessions of our churches, who shall have them in charge and provide suitable teachers. They are also to urge upon coloured parents the duty of presenting their children for baptism; and pastors and evangelists are exhorted to devote a portion of their time and labours for the religious instruction of this race; and, finally, Sessions and Presbyteries are encouraged to license as exhorters any persons whom they may find qualified amongst them. Minutes 1866, pp. 35, 36.

The Assembly of 1867, regarding these expedients as temporary and unsatisfactory, falls back upon a constitutional principle, that as the responsibility of admitting to the Gospel ministry is lodged in the Presbyteries, and that of electing elders and deacons in the congregations, it is incompetent for the Assembly to make any declaration respecting the future organizations of such freedmen as may belong to our communion, who are "politically and ecclesiastically free as all others, to serve God according to the dictates of their own consciences." It contents itself, therefore, with simply exhorting our ministers and people to labour for the spiritual welfare of the coloured race, and to use all lawful means to

introduce them into a permanent connexion with our Church. Minutes 1867, page 145.

The subject thus apparently settled upon constitutional grounds, was re-opened in 1869. The want of a recognized and general plan was alleged to be seen in the variant and incongruous lines of policy adopted in different parts of the Church, through which our relations to the coloured people were becoming complicated and confused. The plan now urged upon the Assembly, and adopted by it, is as follows: That separate coloured churches may be established, with their own elders and deacons, elected by themselves, which shall, however, be united with adjacent white churches under a common pastorate, to be represented in the higher courts, with their own consent previously given, by the pastors and elders of the white churches with which they are associated, until they are sufficiently educated to become independent; that, where no white churches are accessible, evangelists are to preside over the coloured churches formed, moderating their Sessions in the admission of members, and in the exercise of discipline; that a committee shall be raised in each Synod to assist in carrying this scheme into effect, one of whom shall act as an evangelist among the coloured people, to be supported in part by the Committee of Sustentation; that coloured exhorters be employed under the direction of pastors and evangelists, and that, when coloured candidates for the ministry are able to stand the usual examination, Presbytery may license and ordain, and instal them over these churches; either to remain in connexion with us, or with the understanding that thenceforward they shall be ecclesiastically separated. Minutes, pages 388–9.

PRESENT ATTITUDE.

In this attitude the question rests, so far at least as the General Assembly is concerned. Upon comparing now these several acts of legislation, it will be perceived that the Church has been steadily moving forward to the goal which she must assuredly reach. The Church started out with the avowed design of retaining the coloured people in the same relations to herself as before the war. The necessity then becomes apparent of establishing separate congregations, which shall not be churches in the proper sense, fully appointed with constitutional officers, but only branch-churches under the exclusive jurisdiction of the parent white Session. The next step was to complete these organizations by the election of the proper officers, but still co-ordinating them with us under a common pastorate; and giving them thus a representation in the higher courts. Meanwhile, as these schemes are being devised, and even before they are announced, the coloured race as a body has entirely separated itself from our influence and control. Although designed only as temporary expedients to subserve merely an educational purpose, there has been no opportunity so much as to try them on. They were entirely useless, except as measures to bring them back to us, and in that they have alike signally failed. It has been impossible to determine how they would have worked, for there has been no chance to put them into execution. It is true, that here and there, from tender associations, a few individuals still cling as before to our particular churches; and here and there over the land, from strong and personal attachments and other genial influences, a small body may be found ready to be guided by us in their ecclesiastical relations. But the exceptions are so rare as to make no abatement of the fact that, as a class, they have clearly and fully separated themselves from us. We may mourn over it, as cutting us off from that measure of Christian influence we desire to exert; and we may be satisfied that it is fraught with peril, and attended with injury to themselves. But it is futile to oppose it because it has been operated by one of the most controlling sentiments known to the human heart—*the instinct of race*. Few among them may be intelligent enough even reflectively to recognize it, much less to trans-

late the affection into a distinct verbal proposition. But they feel its power; and to this, their simultaneous and universal exodus from us is mainly due. We take up with an inadequate exposition of such a movement, when we assign it to any contingent cause; as, for example, to the evil counsels of misguided and unprincipled men. However assisted or directed by influences of this character, the real and impelling cause must be sought in some ultimate principle of our common nature. They have moved together, because swayed by that race-feeling which binds them into unity; a principle, by the way, which it would be difficult for us abstractly or philosophically to condemn.

SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION.

In the judgment of your Committee, paradoxical as it may appear, in this very separation of the two races, where lies our difficulty, lies also its solution. It is our profound conviction that the Presbyterian Church will accomplish little or nothing in the evangelization of the coloured people until this fact is intelligently and cheerfully admitted as the basis of all her operations. They are to be approached as a body, which, though contiguous, is yet external to us; and our influence over them must be simply that reasonable and moral influence which one body of men may properly exert over another. We must abandon the idea of making them a constituent part of our Church; or by any process of agglutination, making them a sort of attachment to ourselves. Even though it be proposed simply as a disciplinary arrangement to prepare them for a state of healthful ecclesiastical independence, they do not so feel the need of this as to come voluntarily under the restraints of such a pupilage. With an elementary knowledge of the gospel derived from past teachings, and accustomed even in slavery to have their own pastors and churches, especially in the Methodist and Baptist communions, it is quite easy now to extemporize the teachers and guides whom they prefer to such as we would provide. What hope is there for any results from the line of policy we have been trying in vain these eight years to inaugurate? Let our Church then change her front, and address the coloured people substantially in this language: "You have, as a race, separated yourselves from us, preferring to have your ecclesiastical organization distinct from ours, with your own churches, pastors, rulers and guides. We recognize and respect your position, as taken under the impulse of one of the strongest affections of our common nature, and as being the position we ourselves would have been likely to assume under the same circumstances. We do not, therefore, ask you to change it; and we come before you simply to say that we desire honestly, in the fear of God, to assist you in that process of self-development, upon which, perhaps without fully comprehending its import, you have cast yourselves. It is natural to suppose that some of your number, from previous association and training, will prefer to be Presbyterians; it is natural to suppose that the same differences of opinion on religious subjects will obtain amongst you which obtain among us; and that you will become Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, etc., under the same convictions which divide the whites into their respective denominations. We desire to say, therefore, to all who are Presbyterially inclined, that we will aid you in every possible way, and to the extent of our power, in building you up into a separate and independent Church, with your own Presbyteries, Synods, and the like; and will rejoice to maintain with you, as thus developed, the same Christian and ecclesiastical fellowship which we wish to hold with every other branch of the great Presbyterian family throughout the world."

There are many considerations which urge upon us the adoption of this policy. Let us glance for a moment at some of them.

1. It is the course to which we seem shut up in the providence of God; having exhausted all intermediate measures, and this being the logical

result to which we have been drifting through the whole of our previous legislation.

2. It settles finally the policy of the Church, and terminates that vacillation in our plans, which has not been discreditable to us, simply because we could only by experiment discover the true path amidst the perplexities of such a problem as this.

3. It is the ground already taken by the coloured people themselves, which we only accept as a determined fact. Our approaches to them on their own platform are therefore likely to be acceptable, as soon as they become convinced of the integrity and simplicity of our aims.

4. It lays quietly on the shelf, without discussion, all those thorny questions which arise from the comingling of two dissimilar races, and which no amount of diplomatic skill can harmoniously adjust.

5. It frees us from the temptation of bending our constitutional principles to meet particular exigencies; a form of compromise which the whole history of the Church shows to be the fruitful parent of contention and trouble.

6. It places the coloured people distinctly upon the principle of development from within—the only true and sound principle of expansion and growth in spiritual and ecclesiastical life.

7. It affords them the opportunity of so modifying our system in some of its minor details as to meet the necessities of their position. For example, the promise we have held out of licensing and ordaining their candidates for the ministry, as soon as they come up to the requirements of the standard we have fixed for ourselves, is delusive both to them and to us. In the nature of the case, it is equivalent to the denial of a native ministry for an indefinite period; and by the insufficiency of our own supply, holds them in a state of tutelage from which it will be long before they can emerge. It is perfectly clear that no Church can grow without a ministry springing from its own bosom; and though the teacher should be in advance of the taught, it ought not to be by such an interval as shall prevent a living sympathy between the two. A ministry possessing an elementary English education, and well instructed in the Scriptures, would be entirely adequate to their immediate wants; a ministry which we cannot supply without breaking down our own standard; but which they could acquire by a standard adopted for themselves, and a standard which they can gradually raise in proportion to their own education in knowledge and influence.

8. It will harmonize, and precisely to that degree economize, the labours of both branches of the Presbyterian Church, North and South, in so far as they are directed to the evangelization of the coloured race in this country. For the movement successfully inaugurated, will, by the law of affinity, eventually draw into itself the entire African element that is disposed to Presbyterianism at all; and it will be no small gain to remove this source of collision betwixt two Christian bodies seeking to work for the Redeemer on the same territory.

WORKING OF THE PLAN.

Your committee flatters itself with the hope, that it has been able thus far to carry along the assent of the entire Synod. The point has, however, been reached where misgivings and questionings are likely to arise. It will be said, "if indeed we could see an African church fully equipped, with well appointed congregations and the whole series of appellate courts, with which we would be in pleasant and fraternal relations, that were a consummation devoutly to be wished. But how is the *vis inertiae* to be overcome, of a body which is at rest? How is the movement to begin? How are these infant congregations to be organized, fostered into strength, manned with pastors, and correlated with each other in a gradation of courts?" To all which we answer, generally, by seeking to touch amongst

this people the springs of spiritual life, which must develop itself feebly of course, at first, in external ecclesiastical order. We must not overlook the fact that there already exists among them a measure of Christian knowledge and life. They are not heathens, but possess an elementary acquaintance with, and experience of, the gospel. Let us no longer assume that they must be held in a state of pupilage before they are ready for independent organization. Let us begin with the training they have already had at our hands, whilst in bondage to us ; and trust to time and grace to remove by degrees the imperfections which cling to them at the outset. We must go to them and announce the idea of an immediate independent existence as an African Church, and stimulate them to begin at once the forming processes, counselling and fostering their efforts until they result in a complete ecclesiastical development. We will be better understood by entering here a little into details.

1. There are already six coloured churches known to exist among us ; one in the Presbytery of South Alabama, one in that of North Alabama, and four in that of Charleston. Suppose these to be organized into the First African Presbytery, and a beginning made. It is an inchoate Presbytery if you please, for there may not be an ordained minister in it; but a true Presbytery, for all that it does not come under the technical definition of our Book. It will be made up of regularly ordained elders, and it will have sprung into existence from the expansion of the Church Session. As to the absence of ministers, irregularities must be expected at the beginning of things, if indeed irregularities may be predicated when there is not as yet any positive law. At any rate the anomaly will shortly disappear.

2. Let the fifty-seven Presbyteries of our Church, in any way that may seem best to their wisdom, look up the Presbyterian coloured element within their bounds, persuading it to come together in one or more church organizations, in which ruling elders duly chosen shall be regularly ordained and installed; and let those churches, in due time, be induced to form into Presbyteries as convenience may dictate.

3. Let those Presbyteries, as soon as two of them shall exist, be united into a Synod ; which may remain for a time their highest court, as was the case in our own history, until by the increase of churches and Presbyteries this Synod may see fit to divide, and then combine in a General Assembly.

4. Let these infant churches, supposed in the first instance to be without pastors, though under the immediate government of their own Presbyteries, be nourished and taught by our ministers and Presbyteries, until native preachers can be had. It will be a labour of love, cheerfully rendered at the request of the parties benefited, and under the sanction of our own courts, and yielding an early and abundant harvest.

5. With the view of supplying the first great want of a coloured ministry, let our Presbyteries co-operate heartily with their Presbyteries in looking out for men of approved piety amongst them, whether old or young, who are willing to give themselves to this work, and institute such measures as shall seem to them best to train them for an early entrance upon the work of the ministry. Laying aside the standards we adopt for ourselves, and without pausing at Colleges or Seminaries for the present, let these novitiates be instructed in the doctrines of grace and principles of church order, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures and in our standards ; and as soon as practicable let them be sent forth to minister in the word. When a few of them shall have been ordained, the necessity for obtrusive assistance on our part will cease. The machinery will have been set in motion and will go forward by the life that resides within itself; and though the first generation of ministers will be imperfectly furnished, each succeeding generation may be trained with increasing care.

6. Let our churches and people be exhorted to assist these infant organizations whilst they are struggling toward complete development;

aiding in the establishment and instruction of Sabbath Schools, and contributing to the erection of plain and modest houses in which to assemble for the worship of God.

7. Should these broad suggestions commend themselves to the judgment of the Church at large, our General Assembly might adopt and perfect a plan, of which only the projecting features are given here in coarse outline. In which case, that venerable court would determine for itself what part it would bear in its execution; what assistance, moral or pecuniary, it would render; and whether through its Committee of Domestic Missions, or some special agency. Synods and Presbyteries also would exercise their own discretion as to the methods by which the minute details of the plan should be executed. Your committee has not felt itself justified in attempting anything beyond a general exhibition of the views which seem to spring naturally out of the circumstances of the case; the mere delineation of a policy which appears to be simple, natural, and flexible. If it should be found to be impracticable, or should the judgment of the Church turn against it, then so far as we can see is the coloured race escaped hopelessly beyond the reach of our influence and control.

CONCLUSION.

We close this report by saying that there is not upon earth a people who more conspicuously need the kind of religious influence exerted by the Presbyterian Church than the coloured people in these Southern States. Singularly emotional in their nature, and open to impressions made through the senses upon the imagination, their tendency is to rhapsody in worship and fanaticism in life. De Quincy has signalized the defect in the ancient pagan religions, that worship was in them entirely divorced from morality. "Religion," says he, "in the eye of a Pagan, had no more relation to morals than it had to ship-building or trigonometry." There was a *cultus*, but no *doctrine*. Just so with the coloured race. They have abundance of worship, such as it is, often vehement and frantic in its expression. What it needs is the *doctrine*, and it is this which the Presbyterian Church is persistent in giving; while in the sobriety of its forms is imposed a salutary check upon the mere frenzy of the emotions. By reason of these very restraints, the Presbyterian Church is not likely to become a very numerous body among them. But the reflex influence which it would exert upon other ecclesiastical communions would, perhaps, exceed in value that more direct influence felt within its own pale. This poor world cannot afford, everywhere, to part with the blessings secured through the agency of the Presbyterian Church; and we should make super-human efforts to throw her influence into the current which is bearing this race on to its destiny.

These views are respectfully submitted to the consideration of Synod, with the fervent prayer that the Church may be guided by the Holy Spirit to a right apprehension of her duty on this important subject; and that she may be aided in its full discharge to the glory and acceptance of her divine King and Head.

B. M. PALMER, *Chairman*.
J. E. C. DOREMUS.
JOSEPH B. STRATTON.
JAMES A. LYON.

The above report having been duly submitted, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the paper just presented to the Synod of Mississippi be sent up, with such verbal changes as may be necessary to convert the re-

port into an overture, to the next General Assembly, with the respectful recommendation that the policy which it so clearly expounds, and so ably advocates, be adopted by that venerable body as the solution of the delicate and difficult questions connected with our future relations to the freedmen.

A. H. BARKLEY, *Moderator.*
R. McINNIS, *Stated Clerk.*

HAZLEHURST, MISS., *Nov.* 1, 1873.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.*

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, after a careful inspection of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee, with certain documents accompanying it, have great pleasure in recommending to the Assembly an entire approval of said report.

The following resolutions seem to your committee to embody the deliverances and suggestions which are called for by the facts which have been brought to the notice of the Assembly by the report of the Executive Committee; and are accordingly recommended to the Assembly for its adoption:

Resolved, 1, That the signally successful issue of the operations of the Committee during the last ecclesiastical year, as attested by the continued lives and health of our missionaries, by the enlargement of the sphere of our work; by the spirit of consecration which has been largely baptizing our youth of both sexes; by the cases of hopeful conversion which have occurred at our mission stations; by the multiplication of Christian schools and the remarkable favour with which they have been regarded by the populations among whom they have been established; and especially by the fact that with a corps of fifty-nine labourers, the committee close a year of extraordinary financial embarrassment without a dollar of debt, indeed with a balance of over $2,000 on hand. Such an issue, constituting, as it surely does, a complete and marvellous success, creates an occasion for unusual gratitude to the God of all grace, and may safely be interpreted as a special benediction from the Head of the Church upon the humble endeavours of His servants to make His kingdom co-extensive with the world.

2. That the Church has abundant reason to be satisfied with the judicious and economical administration of the Executive Committee, and with the fidelity and discretion of its missionaries. Through the blessing of God upon the labours of its officers, a great success has been achieved. It is necessary, however, at this point to remind the Church that its very success becomes a ground for apprehension and peril. In this work the horizon widens as we advance. Each new labourer who enters the field creates a necessity for the presence of another. Missions, as they are established, require continually to be re-inforced. The ten recruits who were sent abroad last year have only made it apparent that at least ten more will be required to follow them the present year. "There has scarcely been a letter received at the office for the last six months," the Secretaries state, "that has not called for help." "For the want of such help," they add, "some of our missionary brethren are bearing up under burdens that cannot be much longer borne. If they should be crushed before the

* This report was inadvertently omitted, and should have been inserted in the Minutes on page 491.

needed help arrives, then some of these missions, which have been so auspiciously begun, and which bear such strong marks of the Saviour's approval, may have to be given up altogether." The very prosperity of the enterprise it may thus easily be seen makes its condition eminently critical. Its salvation consists in a vigorous prosecution of it. It is impossible for the Church to pause or recede. As the report of the Executive Committee almost pathetically states the case, "The great Head of the Church, by His Spirit and providence, commands us to go forward; the heathen are saying to us, through our own representatives among them, "Come over and help us;" our young men and our young women are saying, "Here are we, send us." And now the only question is, can the churches be relied upon to furnish the necessary means? To this question can we, dare we, say No? The Assembly, therefore, earnestly and solemnly advertises the Church of the exigency in which this holy cause is involved, and implores the congregations, and individuals under its jurisdiction, to rally to its rescue; and by an increased devotion of heart and treasure, to lift it, year by year, to higher stages of success. The humiliating confession recorded in the Committee's report, "The contribution to this cause have never yet amounted to an average per member of half a dollar" should never again be written.

3. That the valuable results which have followed the circulation of the monthly periodical, *The Missionary*, in quickening the interest and augmenting the liberality of our congregations in reference to this cause, demonstrate the necessity of extending that circulation; and the Sessions of our churches are urged to make it a special object, to introduce it into every family.

4. That there is gratifying evidence of an increased observance of the monthly concert, and in the confidence that in proportion as the missionary is prayed for, he will be loved and supported, the churches under our care are exhorted to maintain heartily this important institution.

5. That the Assembly appreciates the force of the scruples which have deterred the Executive Committee from embarking in the attempt to found a mission among the Jewish race, and while cherishing the hope that the way may ultimately be opened for our Church to take part in the effort to restore "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" to the Shepherd's fold, yet, in the absence of a clear call at the present time to engage in that effort, would limit its agency to the dissemination of such information, through the columns of *The Missionary* or otherwise, as may educate the mind of our people to a proper apprehension of the claims of that work.

6. That the view of the complex relations of our missionaries, as being partly under the control of their Presbyteries, and partly under that of the Assembly through its Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, as that view is presented in the leading paper of *The Missionary* for May, 1874, meets with the approval of the Assembly, as indicating the only policy possible in the anomalous circumstances in which the foreign missionary is placed.

7. That the Committee of Foreign Missions for the following year be constituted as follows: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Secretary; Rev. Richard McIlwaine, co-ordinate Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. George Howe, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. D. McQueen, D. D., Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Rev. J. H Bryson, Gen. F. W. McMaster, J. W. Davies, Esq., and J. Adger Smythe.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. B. STRATTON,
Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognizes the efficacy of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity for divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore,

Resolved, 1, That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotions of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in each year, that God would of great mercy so give the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions, and decisions, as to promote His own glory, and advance the kingdom of Jesus in the earth.

Resolved, 2. That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants added on Examination.	Communicants added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Children in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Funds raised for Sustentation.	Funds raised for Foreign Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Publication.	Invalid Fund.	Pastors' Salaries actually paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
SYNOD OF ALABAMA.																
1. *Pres. of E. Alabama.*																
G. H. W. Petrie, D.D., P.	Montgomery, Ala.	Montgomery, P.	22	10	291	3	15	180	$210	$77	$227		$25	$1975	$1524	$208
James K. Hazen, P.	Prattville, "	Prattville, P.	61	2	185	34	12	300	50	96	20			660	73	195
Wm. Swift, S. S.	Pinckneyville, "	Hatchet Creek, S.S.	1	1	78		2		14		6			116		
	Weogufka, "	Unity, S. S.	3	2	56	1	4	20	7		2			30		
	Bradford, "	Corinth, S. S.			41						4			146		
	Mellow Valley, "	Pleasant Grove, S.S.		1	23		1							28		
	Hackneyville, "	Mount Pisgah, S.S.	2		48		4		42		19					
G. R. Foster, Evan.	Gold Hill, "															
R. Nall, D. D., Evan,	Tuskegee, "															
C. A. Baker, P.	Opelika, "	Opelika, P.	7	7	65	4	2	60	36	15	7	7	6	1055	102	100
J. L. Reed, S. S.	Louisville, "	Pea River, S. S.	16		192	3	8	79	5	5	5			212	13	15
	Clayton, "	Pleasant View, S.S.	4		52	1	3	17	5	5	3			170	5	
	Skipperville, "	Union, S. S.	21	3	59	7	2	15				13		97		2
J. A. Wallace, S. S.	Clayton, "															
	White Oak Sp'gs, "	Palmyra, S.S.	2		102	1	7	35		7	23			100		10
	Arbor Vitae, "	Bethel, S. S.	7	3	140	1	4	48		15	9			200	10	10
J. N. Lewis, S. S.	Milton, Fla.	Milton, S. S.	9	7	67	7	5	65	70	30	119	10	40	607	9	255
	Bagdad, "	Bagdad, S. S.			33		4	115	40	10	170	25	20	508	54	148
J. C. Sturgeon, S. S.	Troy, Ala.	Troy, S. S.		2	14			26						75	10	
	Ramah, "	Providence, S. S.			17											
	Brundidge, "	Philadelphia, S. S.	3		23				5	5	10	8		108		10
	Orion, "	Orion, S. S.	9	2	31	4	2	25	10		15	2		150	2	80

A. R. Holderby, P.	Tuskegee,	Ala.	Calebee, P.			13		2	25		6				50	5	
			Tuskegee, S. S.	10	3	80	7		80	17		10	8		300	25	
F. B. Webb, P.	Union Springs,	"	Union Springs, P.	6	5	87	4	4	61	35	65	33	18	12	741	514	128
W. W. Morrison, S. S.	Greenville,	"	Greenville, S. S.	12	6	88	4	6	45			12			1869	84	15
W. A. Carter, P. —14	Pensacola,	Fla.	Pensacola, P.	19	10	126		4	75	30	26	83	14	19	200	316	
Licentiate—1.																	
R. M. Kirkpatrick, S. S.	Gold Hill,	Ala.															
	Waverly	"	New Harmony, S. S.	3	2	75	1		30	55	2	2	2	2			5
Candidates—4.	Chambers, C. H.	"	Lebanon, S. S.		1	45		3	30	8							4
	" "	"	Lafayette, S. S.			12											
	Auburn,	"	Auburn, S. S.			10											
	Fort Deposit,	"	Sandy Ridge, V.	10	1	71	4	10		51	12	10		9	130		
	Eufaula,	"	Eufaula, S. S.			70											
	Wetumpka,	"	Wetumpka, V.			30											
	Lowndesboro',	"	Lowndesboro', S. S.			23											
	Hayneville,	"	Hayneville, V.			12											
	Benton,	"	Good Hope, S. S.			25											
	Nixburg,	"	Nixburg, V.			8											
	Clayton,	"	Clayton, V.			12											
			—36														
				209	68	2402	86	104	1431	$690	$375	$789	$107	$128	$8527	$2746	$1185
2. *Pres. of South Ala.*																	
H. A. Smith, S. S.	Centerville,	"	Centerville, S. S.	3		27	2	2	24						150		
	Marion,	"	Bethesda, S. S.		1	62		1	26	30	3	3					
H. R. Raymond, P.	Marion,	"	Marion, P.		4	103		3	59	17	73	51	11	27	1159	225	217
W. H. McAuley, S. S.	Shelby Iron W'ks,	"															
G. W. Boggs, S. S.	Summerfield,	"	Mt. Pleasant, S. S.	7	1	50	1	3	40	29	8	8	2	2	275		
	Selma,	"	Valley Creek, S. S.	2		89	2	2	30	28	20	48	5	7	488	31	53
J. R. Burgett, D. D., P.	Mobile,	"	Government St., P.	11	8	402	2	21	189	351	338	193	245	82	4000	3967	18
W. J. Lowry, P.	Selma,	"	Selma, P.	12	4	309	3	13	285	434	235	226	21		3000	1437	710
J. S. Arbuthnot, P.	Uniontown,	"	Uniontown, P.	1		37		2	26	5	11	7	4	8	500	24	25
	Dayton,	"	Dayton, S, S.			18											
	Rehoboth,	"	Shell Creek, S. S.			16											
A. B. McCorkle, Infirm.	Staunton,	Va.															

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J. M. McLean, S. S.	Oxford,	Ala.	Oxford, S. S.	1	4	40	1		25	10		10			275	5	5
	Jacksonville,	"	Jacksonville, S. S.	2	5	79		3	40	15	15	7	11		347	50	
	Columbiana,	"	Columbiana, S. S.		14	33		3	15						185		
	Eastaboga,	"	Marble Springs, S.S.			67											
E. P. Palmer, P.	Mobile,	"	Jackson Street, P.	15	9	203	5	6	120	65	105	166	63	33	2840	1937	87
James Watson, Evan.	Birmingham,	"															
	Springville,	"	Springville, S. S.			15											
W. W. Carothers, S. S.	Marion,	"	Fairview, S. S.	5	6	42	3		20	9	12	18	13	8	330		12
	Newbern,	"	Newbern, S. S.			18											
	Marion,	"	Rice Creek, S. S.			45											
F. L. Ewing, P.	Talladega,	"	Talladega, P.	30	10	161	7	14	126	73	61	168	25	26	1293	945	20
E. Anderson, S. S.	Stockton,	"	Baldwin, S. S.		3	27		3	20	21					400		8
	Lower P. Tree,	"	Hopewell, S. S.			39											
J. N. Graham, S. S.	Pleasant Hill,	"	Pleasant Hill, S. S.	1		21		2	8		5	2			75		1
	Richmond,	"	Centre Ridge, S. S.			30									150		
	Selma,	"	Adams Grove, S. S.	1		11		1		2	2	12					11
J. T. McBride, P.	Mobile,	"	So. Franklin St., P.	35	2	135	15	4	150			75			2000	200	
J. Mentor Crane, S. S.	Monroeville,	"	Monroeville, S. S.			40											
	Monroeville,	"	Scotland S. S.			50											
P. Gowan, P.	Selma,	"	Ala. Street, P.	10	6	49	2	3	75	90	102	61	7	21	1358	2055	
J. C. McAuley, S. S.	Alexandria,	"															
—19	Alabama Furnace	"	New Lebanon, S. S.	1	14	32		2		15	3	11	5	2	127		20
	Spring Garden,	"	Carmel, S. S.	2	14	110			25	22		4			120		10
	Leesburg,	"	Concord, S. S.			27											
	Jacksonville,	"	Salem, S. S.			21				7			2		35		2
	Bladen Springs,	"	Bladen Springs, S.S.			12		2			2	2	4		260		
	Calera,	"	Calera, V.			9											
	Valley Head,	"	Valley Head, V.			7											
	Jackson,	"	Jackson, V.			14											
	Mt. Sterling,	"	Choctaw, V.			6											
	McKinley,	"	McKinley, V.			8											
	Nanafalia,	"	Geneva, V.			66	2	2									

	Shiloh,	Ala.	Laurel, V.			26										
	Linden,	"	Witherspoon,(col)V			15										
	Bell's Landing,	"	Bell's Landing, V.			22										
	Claiborne,	"	Claiborne, V.			15										
Licentiate—1.	Fayetteville,	"	Fayetteville, V.			8										
J. W. Heath,	Gadsden,	"	Gadsden, V.			42										
	Selma,	"	Pisgah, V.			20										
	Camden,	"	Camden, V.			42										
Candidates—8.	Linden,	"	Montpelier, V.			12										
	Kymulga,	"	Kymulga, V.			25										
			—50													
				139	95	2841	45	92	1303	$1223	$995	$1062	$418	$216	$19367	$10876	$1199
3. Pres. of Tuskaloosa.																
N.R.Morgan,W.C.(inf.)	Eutaw,	Ala.														
C. A. Stillman, P.	Tuskaloosa,	"	Tuskaloosa, P.	7	5	115	2	4	200	23	34	32	42	27	1275	203	142
J. Somerville, S. S.	Bridgeville,	"	Oak Grove, S. S.	18	9	70	4		35	23	13	53	31		300		40
			Carrolton, S. S.														
T. S. Winn, P.	Havana,	"	Concord, P.	9	5	45	2	8	40	10	30	24	10	20	335	17	95
			Mt. Zion, P.	2		51		2	20	9	8	21	12	8	362		7
			Carthage, P.			14			40	3	3	2	1	2	22		1
B. F. Peters, W. C.	Fayetteville,	"															
W. L. Kennedy, W. C.	Birmingham,	"	Birmingham, S. S.		10	36		2	24	44	5	22	17	4	401	69	8
D. D. Sanderson, P.	Eutaw,	"	Eutaw, P.			62		2	66	33	28	48	14	27	842	216	12
			New Hope, S. S.	6		36	2			3	7	4	5	5	306		
C. M. Hutton, P.	Pleasant Ridge,	"	Pleasant Ridge, P.	20	3	110	6	1	140	26	30	56	18	22	900	68	52
J. W. Phillips, S. S.	Demopolis,	"	Demopolis, V.		1	19		3	15	5	5	2			79		
A. A Morse, P.	Gainesville,	"	Gainesville, P.	5		75	2	2	50	90	125	75	48	70	1500	313	110
J. Simpson Frierson, P.	Livingston,	"	Livingston, P.	9	2	60	2	2	38	22	34	51	8	7	617	221	
			Elizabeth, S. S.	3		43		7		4		2			47		
L. S. Handly, P.	Boligee,	"	Ebenezer, P.	5	1	29	4	2	34	7	9	10	9	5	206		9
			Bethsalem, P.	16	1	36	12		16	11	10	11	2	4	239	5	2
Milton C. Hutton, P. E.	Pleasant Grove,	"	Hebron, P. E.	1		48		2	12	7	7	10	5		212	4	
—13			Bethesda, P. E.	8	14	40	2	2	52	7		5			323		
			Mt. Olivet, S. S.	6		33		2		3	4	6			126		
			Oxford, S. S.			46											

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		Greensboro', V.	2	1	42	1	2	50	15	10	5	3			43	
		Memphis, V.			14											
		Hadden, S. S.	3		65			30	5	20	25			208		20
		Bethel, S. S.			36				4			3	8	169		
		—24														
			120	50	1259	37	43	852	$314	$382	$464	$228	$189	$8469	$1159	$498
SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.																
1. *Pres. of Arkansas.*																
Thos. R. Welch, P.	Little Rock,	Ark. Little Rock, P.	10	10	241	7	11	225	485	97	744	103	20	2500	2000	800
S. W. Davies, P.	Cotton Plant,	" Cotton Plant, P.	3		40	3	4	27	32	35	183	38	7	600	114	10
	Augusta,	" Augusta, V.		2	28		5	73	10		46	11		255		
I. J. Long, P.	Batesville,	" Batesville, P.	15	12	61	4	4	50	12	11	210	30	11	800	300	71
W. A. Sample, P.	Fort Smith,	" Fort Smith, P.	12	2	60	2	4	100	38	15	115	14		780	325	70
J. S. Willbanks, P.	Dardanelle,	" Dardanelle, P.	5		49	3	3	40	10		50			500		
	Norristown,	" Mount Zion, P.	3	1	52	2	2	45	12		20			300		
	Dardanelle,	" Prosperity, S. S.	2		37	1	1	24	13							
J. C. Kennedy, S. S.	Van Buren,	" Van Buren, S. S.	16	1	36	5	3	60	3	2	75	4		425	150	7
	Jenny Lind,	" Bethel, S. S.	2	3	26	1	5	30	4		10			130		1
D. C. Boggs, S. S.	Bentonville,	" Bentonville, S. S.	7	6	69	3	2		36		22	31		382	87	48
J. W. McCord, (infirm),	Yellville,	" Yellville.		2	27		2			5			2	125	262	3
	Elmwood,	" New Hope.			26						5		1	60		4
D. S. Sydenstricker, S.S.	Searcy,	" Searcy, S. S.	1	4	22		2		8		27	6		179	15	5
	Centre Hill,	" Searcy Valley, S. S.			23		6	15	9	12	4	4		74		8
S. B. Gaston, *in trans.*	Mossy Point,	Miss. Jacksonport, S. S.			42			25			10					
R. W. Shive, (teacher).	Centre Hill,	Ark. Wattensaw, S. S.	7	2	44	2	2	33	30	3	7	4		85		33
	Austin,	" Sylvania, S. S.	12	6	60	2	4	38	30	10	20	9	10	175	40	20
	Clarendon,	" Clarendon, V.			15				31							
		Macedonia, V.			17				8							
J. F. W. Freeman, Colp.	Cotton Plant,	" Des Arc, S. S.			15		1	27	13					70		12
J. O. Sullivan, S. S.	Helena,	" Helena, S. S.			20											
—13	Wittsburg,	" Wittsburg, S. S.		2	8								20	200		
	Russellville,	" Russellville, V.			13				6							

Licentiates—3.																
R. H. Crozier.	Hickory Plains, Ark.	Hickory Plains, S.S.	3	12	24		4							40	150	6
L. A.T. Jobe.	Forest city, "	Forest City, S. S.	1	2	12		1		117					27		17
T. J. Stubbs.	Batesville, "	Lonake, S. S.			25				12				5			
	Smithville, "	Lebanon S. S.	1	1	22		1		3	3	3	3		23		4
Candidates—4.	Polk Bayou, "	Beulah, V.			7								7			
	Marianna, "	Marianna, S. S.			14				10							
	Cincinnati, "	Cincinnati, V.			12											
	Fayetteville, "	Fayetteville, V	8	17	25	3	2		15							
	Bluffton, "	Bluffton, V.			10				4							
	Bayou Metoe, "	Waddel, S. S.	5	3	8							4		18		2
	—34															
			113	88	1170	38	69	812	943	193	1551	261	83	7748	3443	1141
2. *Pres. of Indian.*																
S. Foreman,	Park Hill, Cher. N.	Park Hill,			17											
		Caney Creek.			10											
A. Reid,	Princeton, N. J.															
H. Balentine,	Chetopa, Kansas,	Pleasant Hill,			8											
A. Wright,	Boggy Dep. Choc. N.	Chickasaw,			89											
		Mount Pleasant,			22											
		Wapanucka,			22											
J. H. Colton,	Doaksville, Choc. N.	Mount Fork,			30											
		Wheelock,			46											
		Pine Ridge,			41											
		Spencer Academy,			14											
		Good Water,			9											
		Good Land,			95											
		Mount Zion,			33											
J. M. Perryman,	North Fork, Cr'k N.															
W. J. B. Lloyd,	Armstrong Acad'y.															
—7	Cr. Nation, W. Ark.	Living Land,			98											
		Bennington,			37											
Licentiate—1.		Six Town,			30											
E. Brewer,	Doaksville, Choc. N.															
		Jack's Fork,			103											
		Lenox,			160											

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		Green Hill,			49											
		Big Lick,			60											
		—20														
					973											
3. *Pres. of Ouachita.*																
S. Williamson, D. D., P.	Washington, Ark.	Washington, P.			98											
A. L Crawford, S. S.	Arkadelphia, "															
M. A. Patterson, S. S.	Mount Holly, "	Honduras, S. S.	8		23	2		35	3					120		10
M. J. Wallace, S. S.	Wallaceburg, "	Marlbrook, S. S.	1		30		4	35	5	5	10	5		155	12	22
	Hope, "	Hope, S. S.			30			12	5	5			5	25	400	23
Samuel Orr, S. S.	Arkadelphia, "	Carolina, S. S.	3	10	63		8	28				28		400		40
E. McNair, S. S.	Pine Bluff, "	Pine Bluff, S. S.	6	1	75	4	10	93	19	20	9	30	15	1135	11	214
David Kerr, P.	ohnsville, "	Calvary, P.			65											
	Hamburg, "	Hamburg, S. S.			44											
J. M. Brown, P.	Relf's Bluff, "	Mount Zion, P.	3		90	8	6	60	8	14	11	14	2	600	10	30
Geo. E. Eagleton, P.	Mount Holly, "	Mount Holly, P.	5	7	102	1	5	60	8	36	16	17	8	697	30	30
	El Dorado, "	El Dorado, S. S.	2	5	29		4	80	16	10	17	3	5	150	8	5
A. P. Henderson, W. C.	Relf s Bluff, "															
Eugene Daniel, P.	Camden, "	Camden, P.	7	3	52		1	45	15	14	10		5	876	150	12
F. M. Howell, P.	Tulip, "	Tulip, P.	2	5	27		4		17	13	5	7	7	200		5
	Princeton, "	Princeton, P.	3	3	31		3	12	10	10	8	3	6	208		4
		Pleasant Grove, P.		1	28		1		11	5	4	7	4	67		5
W. H. Crawford, S. S.	Pine Bluff, "	Branchville, S. S.			25											
	Three Creeks "	Scotland, S. S.			103											
	Monticello, "	Monticello, S. S.	8	6	122		9	103	6	21	46	15		800	2500	15
	Warren, "	Warren, S. S.			57											
	Three Creeks, "	Three Creeks, V.			12											
W. S. Lacy, (infirm).	El Dorado, "	Ebenezer, V.			12											
J. M. Hoge, W. C.	Brush Creek, Iowa.	New Bethany, V.			18											
—15		Luna, V.			7											

Licentiates—1.																	
J. DeWitt Duncan, S. S.	Arkadelphia,	Ark.	Arkadelphia, S. S.			101											
Candidates—2.			—24														
				48	41	1244	15	55	563	$123	$153	$136	$129	$57	$5433	$3121	$415
SYNOD OF GEORGIA.																	
1. *Pres. of Atlanta.*																	
John Jones, S. S.	Atlanta,	Ga.															
J. H. Martin, P.	"	"	Atlanta, 1st ch., P.	55	16	230	16	8	150	355			15		1675	2191	2105
J. T. Leftwich, P.	"	"	Atlanta Central, P.	56	52	365	10	15	325	868	210	318	50	50	3600	1130	15
W. J. Keith, W. C.	Griffin,	"	Fellowship, S. S.			25											
Jas. Stacy, P.	Newnan,	"	Newnan, P.	8	5	87	3	2	100	30	17	14	10		500	470	
	Turin,	"	White Oak, S. S.	4	1	45	1		45	24	5	6	3	2	168	6	
	Hogansville,	"	Ebenezer, S. S.			35		3	50	30		7	8		79		5
Donald Fraser, S. S.	Decatur,	"	Decatur, S. S.	8	7	175	3	25	113		15	33			886	359	120
Henry Quigg, P.	Conyers,	"	Smyrna, P.	13	2	176	8	3	87	10		13			500	500	27
J. N. Bradshaw, P. F. C.	Covington,	"	Bethany, P.		2	95		2	65	30	212				500	1332	
Robert Logan, W. C.	Jonesboro',	"	Philadelphia, S. S.	14	3	116			50						400	74	17
R. C. Ketchum, S. S.	Atlanta,	"	Rock Spring, S. S.	3	4	33	2	7	42	5					325		
F. McMurray, P.	La Grange,	"	La Grange, P.	1	5	65		2	60		15		15		1000	93	70
	West Point,	"	Long Cane, S. S.			36					10	5	5		200	5	26
	"	"	West Point, S. S.	3	3	50	2	3	70						350		50
	Conyers,	"	Conyers, S. S.	3	14	80		3	80	19	5	10			300	45	33
L. H. Nall, S. S.	Griffin,	"	Griffin, S. S.	20	3	125	3	9	102	48	61	31	46	18	1200	474	72
R. H Wilson, S. S.	"	"	Friendship, S. S.	7	5	58	5	5	40	16	15	5			450	20	
H. L. Deane, (infirm),	"	"															
J. L. King, S. S.	Lawrenceville,	"	Fairview, S. S.	8	2	45	3	5	80	12	2		8		210	124	6
	"	"	Alcovia, S. S.			14					2		2	2	75		
	Norcross,	"	Goshen, S. S.	2	2	23		4			2			3	50		
W. Dimmock, S. S.	Bowenville,	"	Bowenville, S. S.			12								2	10		
	Carrollton,	"	Carrollton, S. S.	9	2	22					11				62	50	
	Villa Rica,	"	Villa Rica, S. S.		1	14		1			6				45		
A. G. Peden, W. C.	Griffin,	"															
H. L. Harvey, (teacher),	Atlanta,	"															
—18	Greenville,	"	Greenville, S. S.			53									250		
	Thomaston,	"	Thomaston, V.			12									75		
	Forsyth,	"	Forsyth, S. S.	1		16			50		12				250		
	Atlanta,	"	Atlanta, 3d ch., V.	2	2	20			125								

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Candidates—4.	Stone Mountain, Ga	Stone Mount'n, S.S.	2	3	14				6	5						
	McDonough, "	McDonough, V.			30											
	Wh. Sulph. Spr. "	White Sulphur, V.														
	Houston, "	Brainerd, V.														
	Jackson, "	Jackson, V.														
	—32															
			219	134	2071	56	98	1634	$1453	$605	$442	$162	$77	$13160	$5873	$2546
2. *Pres. of Augusta.*																
S. S. Davis, D. D. (inf.)	Augusta, Ga.	Appling, V,			4					5				15		
C. P. Beman, D. D., S.S.	Mount Zion, "	Mount Zion, S. S.			16			20	12		19			57		
Henry Newton, S. S.	Union Point, "	Union Point, S. S.		2	21				12	20	5		3	242		3
G. H. Cartledge, P.	Jefferson, "	Thyatira, P.	3	1	154	1	8		9					207	14	14
C. W. Lane P.	Athens, "	Athens, P.	5	30	198		22	60	55	57	62	23	31	1800	1200	70
J. Woodrow, D. D., Prof.	Columbia, S. C.	Sparta, V.		2	16		1	26	19	11	6			150	5	15
F. T. Simpson, S. S.	Washington Ga.	South Liberty, S. S.			15			20		2	2	1		10		
W. S. Bean, P.	" "	Washington, P.	1	2	54	1		22	58	35	51	20	15	720	88	54
J. J. Robinson, D. D.	Eufaula, Ala.	Madison, S. S.	1	4	19		1	19	10					951	120	
T. P. Cleveland, P.	Gainesville, Ga.	Gainesville, P.	2	16	61		3	45	11	5	13	10		400	100	3
Paul C. Morton, S. S.	Berzelia, "	Woodstock, S. S.	1	1	46		1							243		
		Lexington, P.	4	3	32	1	1	22	5	22	16	5	17	250		30
		Way'sboro & Bath, SS			22											
Robert Irvine, D. D., P.	Augusta, "	Augusta, P.	20	9	320	1	28	130	581	343	1802	312	182	3000	2640	989
Geo. T. Goetchius, P.	Milledgeville, "	Milledgeville, P.	12	7	89		4	50	65	137	80	52	52	1000	247	281
W. P. Gready, S. S.	Toccoa City, "	Greensboro', S. S.	1	1	44		1	20			5			200	782	25
R. W. Milner, S. S.	Athens, "	Homer, P.	5	2	120		6		6	3	7			225	82	9
Joseph Washburn, S. S.	Nacoochee, "	Hebron, P.	7		107	5	9	40	6	4		4		239		24
E. M. Green, *in transit.*	Washington, N. C.	Clarksville, V.			45											
—17		New Hope, S. S.	2		90		6			10					25	
		Bethany, V.			65									135		
Licentiates—4.		Eatonton, V.	1		28			25	17	5	25	5	5	300		
Samuel Galloway,		Monticello, S. S.	7		42	7	2	25		16						30

J. M. Ginn,			Sandy Creek, S. S.			21												
R. N. Smith,			Danielsville, V.			40												
Thos. S. Cunningham,			Concord, V.			13											40	2
—4			Elberton, V.			20												
			Harmony, S. S.			34		1	20			2			10			
			Dahlonega, S. S.	3	3	15	2		14						24	1	2	
Candidates—3.			Goshen, V.			3												
			Pleasant Hill, S. S.			20												10
			Carnesville, V.	1	5	43	1		31		5	2			60	482	22	
			Nacoochee, S. S.	4	1	15	1		24	9	18	15	9	11	170	45		
			Blairsville, V.			11				6	3	1			8			
			Oakland S. S.			11												
			Mizpah, S. S.			34												
			Bethaven, S. S.			34												
			—37															
				80	89	1900	20	94	613	$881	$701	$2113	$341	$316	$10416	$5871	$1583	
3. *Pres. of Cherokee.*																		
N. A. Pratt, D. D., P.	Roswell,	Ga.	Roswell, P.	13	2	72	4	2	125	195	60	45	40	32	645	54	50	
T. C. Crawford, P.	Dirt Town,	"	Bethel, P.	17	4	90					16				450			
			Sardis, P.	9							8				300			
A. G. Johnson, P.	Euharlee,	"	Euharlee, P.	1	5	110	1	4	98	116	18	45	9	13	346	64		
			Midway, S. S.		2	62									125		5	
J. W. Baker, S. S.	Marietta,	"	Bethesda, S. S,	6		40	4	4		5	5				240		25	
			Harmony,			20				5	4				50			
			Smyrna, S. S.		6	25									60		8	
R. F. Taylor, P.	Cave Spring,	"	Cave Spring, P.	2	5	36	1	2	56	25					370	3300	15	
			Cedar Valley, P.	3	4	26	3	1	68	28					41	1525		
S. E. Axson, P.	Rome,	"	Rome, P.	8	15	167	1	6	139	160	220	236	122	115	1426	573	150	
J. L. Rogers, S. S.	Atlanta,	"	Mars Hill, S. S.	8		85									375			
D. L. Buttolph, P.	Marietta,	"	Marietta, P.	5	5	110	1	3	100	25	25	30	25		1500	436	40	
T. E. Smith, P.	Cartersville,	"	Friendship, P.	4	7	95	1	1		20	21	10	7		604	91	129	
A. W. Gaston, P.	Dalton,	"	Dalton, P.	2	1	95		6	80	81	10	40	5	11	800	156	31	
Jas. G. Lane, S. S.	Ringgold,	"	Chickamauga, S. S.	2	1	56				80	14	16			224	6	8	
			Lafayette, S. S.	6	3	45		7		75	12	3		4	150		4	
			Tunnel Hill, S. S.	1	8	23									75	858	2	
			Pea Vine,															

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W. A. Milner, P.	Summerville, Ga	Summerville, P.	11	3	54	6	4	25	85					108	102	48
		Walnut Grove, P.	4		54	2	5	30	120		10			43		17
		Alpine, P.	32	2	66	10	11	45	77	9				136		4
		Beersheba, P.	2		36	1	4		46	4				50	25	3
J. L. Milburn, S. S.	Calhoun, "	Adairsville, S. S.			13											
A. Y. Lockridge, W. C.	Ringgold, "	New Lebanon, V.														
R. M. Baker, W. C.	Lafayette, "	Red Clay, V.														
J. M. M. Caldwell, W. C.	Rome, "	Sonora, V.			16											
F. R. Goulding, W. C.		Talking Rock, V.														
J. DeWitt Burkhead, Ev.		Carthage,			22											
Jos. B. Hillhouse,		Kingston, V.			13											
—19		Van Wert, V.			8											
Licentiates—2.		Shiloh, V.														
J. Caldwell,		Armuchee,			12											
Jas. E. Jones,		Spring Place,														
		—34														
Candidates—2.			136	73	1451	35	60	766	$1143	$426	$435	$208	$168	$8118	$8290	$539
4. *Pres. of Florida.*																
E. Lee, W. C.	Maniti, Fla.															
W. H. Crane, W. C.	Quincy, "															
	Marianna, "	Marianna, V.			16											
Joseph Brown, S. S.	Clear Water Har. "	Ebenezer, S. S.			22											
W. J. McCormick, P.	Gainesville, "	Gainesville, P.	3	7	34	2	1	63	5	2	2	2	5	575	150	20
	Micanopy, "	Micanopy, P.		2	29			32	12	2				262		10
	Arredondo, "	Kanapaha, S. S.	1		7									69		4
James Little, P.	Quincy, "	Quincy, P.	4		200		12	104	100	32		10		1504	51	110
S. F. Halliday, W. C.	Gainesville, "															
W. P. Harrison, S. S.	Eucheeanna, "	Euchee Valley, S. S.	4		260		13	100	20	36	25	5	20			
	Jacksonville, "	Jacksonville, V.	13	8	56	3	2		10					682	453	25
W. B. Telford, P.	Fort Reed, "	Silver Lake, P.	37	5	90	8	13	40	50	13	5		6	650	556	
T. F. Montgomery, S. S.	Leesburg, "	Leesburg, S. S.			7											

B. L. Baker, P.	Monticello,	Fla.	Monticello, P.	4		59		3	50	56	32	19	26	28	1000	193	20
Ferd. Jacobs, D. D., P.	Tallahassee,	"	Tallahassee, P.	3	1	53		2	29	19	10	10				300	40
J. C. Grow, P.	Lake City,	"	Lake City, P.	9		37	1		37	24	13		5	7	300	150	35
	"	"	Ellisville, P.	3		23				22	12	10	2	7	197		6
Henry Brown, Miss.	Enterprise,	"															
	Palatka,	"	Palatka, V.	1		24		1	40	4	3	4	4	3	252	17	4
Samuel Donnelly, S. S.	Gainesville,	"	Bethlehem, S. S.			9									107		5
P. M. McKay, P.	Madison,	"	Madison, P.	19	2	60	5	14	65	6	8	8	2	4	150	106	11
—15	"	"	Oakland, P.			10				3	2	5	3		50		
	Live Oak,	"	Suwannee, V.			11											
	Morrison's Mills,	"	Orange Creek, V.	7		14		1	12						51		
	Ocala,	"	Ocala, V.			14		1	4	2					46		2
Licentiate—1.	Live Oak,	"	Live Oak, V.			16		1	30						125		
T. T. Johnston.	Fernandina,	"	Fernandina, V.			32		2	48	5	13	3	3		337	54	60
			—23														
				108	26	1083	19	66	654	$338	$178	$91	$62	$80	$6357	$2030	$352
5. *Pres. of Macon.*																	
A. W. Clisby, P.	Macon,	Ga.	Macon, P.	16	14	249		9	150	405	200	272	25	90	2500	1310	103
J. H. Nall, P.	Columbus,	"	Columbus, P.	15	13	336	2	11	300	113	58	203	47	62	2400	800	214
	Upatoie,	"	Muscogee, V.			15											
	Americus,	"	Mt. Tabor, S. S.			34			25						169	25	7
	"	"	Smyrna, S. S.			40											
	"	"	Americus, P.	2	1	54	1	2	40	15	12	18	9	10	562	241	364
	Fort Gaines,	"	Fort Gaines, V.			15		1		30	5				125	12	30
	Morgan,	"	Whitney, V.	6		40	2	3	20	12		10			80		25
	Perry,	"	Perry, S. S.			13						5			400		25
	Butler,	"	Mt. Zion, V.			15											
	Lumpkin,	"	Lumpkin,			5											
G. W. Maxson, S. S.	Talbotton,	"	Ephesus, S. S.			38											
	Albany,	"	Albany, S. S.			24			25	4					295		40
	Cuthbert,	"	Cuthbert, S. S.	3	4	40	2	5	60			8			285	175	10
	Newton,	"	Newton, V.	2		6		1	10								
	Dawson,	"	Dawson, V.			8											
	Fort Valley,	"	Fort Valley, S. S.		2	17		1		9			4		112	254	5
	Leesburg,	"	Leesburg, S. S.	2		20	1	2		3	1	1	1	4	400		5
	Cataula,	"	Hamilton, S. S.	2	3	17				75			3		46		4

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D. Wills, D. D., S. S.	Atlanta,	Ga.	—19														
J. R. McIntosh, T.	Columbus,	"															
C. P. B. Martin, S. S.	Huntsville,	Tex.															
S. S. Gaillard, D.M. S.S.	Griffin,	Ga.															
J. S. White, *in tr.*, P. E.	Rock Hill,	S. C.															
William McKay, W. C. —9	Macon,	Ga.															
Licentiates—2.																	
W. H. Dodge,	Jacksonville,	Fla.															
E. H. Briggs,	Morgan,	Ga.															
Candidate—1																	
				48	37	986	8	35	630	$666	$276	$537	$89	$166	$7374	$2817	$832
6. *Pres. of Savannah.*																	
I. S. K. Axson, D. D., P.	Savannah,	Ga.	(Ind. Presb. Ch.) P.														
C. B. King,	"	"	(Wh. Bluff Con. Ch.)														
E. C. Gordon, P.	"	"	(Ind. Presb. Ch.) P.														
J. A. McKee, S. S.	Thomasville,	"	Bainbridge, S. S.	7	1	31	1	6	45							260	
H. F. Hoyt, P.	Bainbridge,	"	Min.Sp.& Pl.Gr.,P.	2		81			35	32	8	23	19			428	
N. P. Quarterman, P.	Thomasville,	"	Thomasville, P.	12	14	98	2	10	70	45	20	42	25			1111	
R. Q. Way, Evangelist,	Brunswick,	"															
J. W. Quarterman, S. S.	Mt. Vernon,	"	Mt. Vernon, S. S.														
R. Q. Baker, P.	St. Marys,	"	St. Marys, P.						29								
J. W. Montgomery, S.S.	Walthourville,	"	Walthourville, S. S.	4		65	2	5	86	2	4	3	8			575	
J. A. Smith, P.	Valdosta,	"	Valdosta&Q'tm'n,P.	11	6	69	4	5	66	14	11	41	6			548	
S. H. Bell, P. —12	Brunswick,	"	Brunswick, P.	1	5	44		5	40	12	35	20	10			6854	
			Darien, V.														
			Dorchester, V.														
			Bryant Neck, V.	3	1	14			30	24						734	
			Waynesville, V.			8		1	8	2	5	7				101	
			Savannah, 1st, V.	10	14	110			129	27	31	16	10			2500	

Licentiate—1.			Blackshear, V.	4	1	15	2	1	80		13		5	3		100	
A. B. Curry,			Flemington, S. S.	10	0	95	0	5	56	10	20	22				210	
			—18														
				69	42	670	11	40	724	$176	$155	$182	$91			$13475	
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.																	
1. *Pres. of Cen. Ohio.*																	
Rob. Morrison, S.S. & P.	Levering's,	Ohio.	Waterford, P.	2		46		3	47	4	34	3	5	5	200	10	20
			Bladensburg, S. S.			16											
Robert Bell, *in trans.*	Elysian Fields, Tex.																
A. M. Cowan, W. C.	Urbana,	Ohio.															
T. P. W. McGruder, W. C.	Rushville,	Ill.															
Jno. B. Blayney, S. S.	Sulphur Sp'gs,	Ohio.	Sandusky, S. S.	1		34		4		5	5	5			180		
			Waynesboro', S. S.	1		8									60		
			Caroline, S. S.			8									50		
			West Carlisle, S. S.	1		35	1			5		5			58		
			Wakatomika, S. S.			8											
S. F. Hunter, S. S.	North Liberty,	"	North Liberty, S. S.	1		25				2					159	20	10
Candidate—1. —6			—8														
				6		180	1	7	47	$16	$39	$13	$5	$5	$707	$30	$30
2. *Pres. of Ebenezer.*																	
J. C. Bayless, D. D.	Grayson,	Ky.															
W. L. Bayley, S. S.	Augusta,	"	Augusta, S. S.	17	2	80	17		120						500		
			Sharon, S. S.	2	1	70			73							30	20
E. W. Bedinger, P.	Florence,	"	Florence, P.			29		1	24	23	38	69	23	25	335	75	25
			Richwood, P.	2		45		3	30	8	22	25	2	15	340	40	20
L. H. Blanton, P.	Paris,	"	Paris, P.	17	3	178	8	4	140	112	255	56	43	32	2300	1132	112
C. H. Dobbs, P.	Washington,	"	Washington, P.		2	73			45	35	12	10	14		1000	225	40
J. A. Dickson, P.	Millersburg,	"	Millersburg, P.	27	5	119	14	6	53	50	16	25			1300	343	137
J. M. Evans, P.	Mayslick,	"	Mayslick, P.	7		75	4		35	15	15	37	15	10	900	80	70
W. W. Evans, S. S.	Catlettsburg,	"	Catlettsburg, S. S.	22	4	79	7	2	120		24	34			503	155	44
J. W. F. Graham, S. S.	Greenup,	"	Greenup Union, S.S.			27			70	3					689		
J. T. Leonard, (teacher).	Mt. Sterling,	"															
F. P. Mullally, P.	Covington,	"	9th St. Church, S. S.		9	115		1	100	105		70			2400	600	
H. M. Scudder, P.	Elizaville,	"	Elizaville, P.	9		200	2	3	50		12	8			658	118	30
			Carlisle, S. S.	9	1	75	5	1	50	20			11		450	52	
J. E. Spilman, P.	Maysville,	"	Maysville, P.	2	2	120	2		150	99	24	35	22	20	1596	290	82
—13			Crittenden, V.			25		1	30	35	1				275	35	15

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		Lebanon, V.	4		94	3	1	40		1	12			144	5	50
		Gilead, V.			30											
Licentiates—2.		New Hope, V.			26										200	1
E. N. Elliott.	Washington, Ky.	Moorefield, V.			22											
J. H. Moore, P. E.	Sharpsburg, "	Sharpsburg, V.			35		1				12			235	30	5
		Springfield, V.			20											
		Hinkston, V.			20											2
Candidates—2.		Concord, V.			10											
		—23.														
			118	29	1567	62	24	1130	$805	$420	$393	$130	$102	$13625	$3410	$653
3. *Pres. of Louisville.*																
Francis Thornton, W. C.	Louisvillle, Ky.															
H. H. Hopkins, W. C.	Owensboro', "															
W. W. Hill, S. S.	Anchorage, "															
S. R. Wilson, P.	Louisville, "	1st Church, P.	18	5	265	3	7	150	1192	201	320			3500	2160	730
Stuart Robinson, P.	Louisville, "	2nd Church, P.	13	14	398	1	10	500	1121	385	1892	100		4000	20220	366
B. H. McCown, (teach).	Anchorage, "															
J. N. Saunders, P.	Bloomfield, "	Big Spring, P.	3	2	100	2	4	60	30		30	7		800	125	24
J. D. Matthews, P.	Louisville, "	Portland Avenue, P.	5	1	80		4	80	25	16	20			860		
J. V. Cosby, P.	Bardstown, "	Bardstown, P.	8		105	3	2	60	65	50	25			800	160	40
J. W. Canfield, P.	Mt. Video, "	Hebron, P.			54											
Gilbert Gordon, P.	Louisville, "	Chestnut & 7th St. P.			73											
M. G. Knight, W. C.	Goshen, "															
L. P. Yandell, W. C.	Louisville, "															
Edward Wurts, W. C.	Philadelphia, Penn.															
S. Boyd, W. C.	Wheeling, West Va.															
J. S. Grasty, P.	Shelbyville, Ky.	Shelbyville, P.	4	5	186	2	5	85		117			41	1043	400	49
Ben Helm, Miss. China.																
Jno. L. Stuart, " "																
J. W. Pugh, P.	Owensboro', "	Owensboro', P.	29	5	144	8	8	107	50	40	62			1200	900	550
W. L. Nourse, P.	Rockport, Indiana,	Rockport, P.	2	4	71			140		7	110			800	150	

P. P. Flournoy, P.	Elizabethtown, Ky.	Elizabethtown, P.	1		127	1	4	90		48	46			863	1045	20
John Rule, P.	Goshen, "	Goshen, P.	1		58	1				45	49			625	47	42
F. B. Converse, Editor.	Louisville, "															
J. J. Cooke, W. C.	" "															
G. C. Crowe, W. C.	Pleasureville, "															
W. G. White, D. M.	Midway, Indiana,	Midway, S. S.														
W. M. McElwee, P.	Anchorage, Ky.	Anchorage, P.		5	54			85	75	8						
John K. Hitner, S. S.	Taylorsville, "	Taylorsville, S. S.	1	1	66				23	16	6	9	12	306	271	14
S. W. Blain,	Carrollton, "	Carrollton, S. S.		1	25		6	50	26	17		3		520	80	
Homer Hendee, Teacher.	Louisville, "															
William Irvine, P.	Shelbyville, "	Mulberry, P.		2	77		4	25	62	57	27	11		691	526	30
—31	Scott's Station, "	Shiloh, S. S.			34					15				225	32	
		Cane Run, S. S.	5		25	5			4	5	4			176	29	4
	Lewisport, "	Lewisport, S. S.			25											
	Louisville, "	Westminster, V.			25											
	Fern Creek, "	Beulah, S. S.			71											
	Pleasureville, "	Pleasureville, V.			19											
	Milton, "	Milton, S. S.														
	Jeffersontown, "	Jeffersontown, S. S.														
	Louisville, "	Walnut Street, V.														
	Hodgeville, "	Hodgeville, V.														
	Munfordville, "	Munfordville, V.														
	Canmer, "	Hart, V.														
		Franklin, V.			31											
Licentiate—1.		West Chestnut, P. E.	20	17	53	11	11	175							694	
J. W. Heagen, Teacher,	Elizabethtown, "	—31														
Candidates—3.																
			110	62	2166	37	65	1607	$2663	$2027	$2591	$130	$53	$15409	$26145	$1869
4. *Pres. of Muhlenburg.*																
Isaac Bard, W. C.	Greenville, Ky.															
C. C. Bomberger, S. S.	" "	Greenville, S. S.			37					5	5			140	20	5
W. W. Duncan, S. S.	Hopkinsville, "	New Stead, S. S.		1	17		1	23	4	5	4			200		4
R. K. Smoot, P.	Bowling Green, "	Bowling Green, P.	9	2	186	3	11	121	265	67	2760	65		2000	1370	395
W. G. Rice, S. S.	Franklin, "	Salem, S. S.	1	1	37	1	2	35		4				38	17	3
John C. Tate, P.	Hopkinsville, "	Hopkinsville, P.	2	2	58	1	2	50	10	12	24			425	68	27
J. C. Buchanan, Evan.	Bowling Green, "	Russellville, V.			32				11		11					11

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—7			Franklin, S. S.	1	1	17		1			2	23			50	11	13
			Glasgow, V.	2		47			35			3					
			Lafayette, V.		1	29					5						
			Mizpah, V.	2		24						5				9	9
			Paradise, V.			50											
			Mt. Pleasant, V.			26											
			Mt. Zion, V.			30											
			Cadiz, V.			11											
			—14														
				18	8	601	5	17	264	$290	$100	$2835	$65		$2853	$1496	$497
5. Pres. of Paducah.																	
W. D. Morton, P.	Morganfield,	Ky.	Morganfield, P.	33	2	75	8	7	66	20	11	14	6	6	810	101	
C. A. Campbell, W. C.	Caseyville,	"	Caseyville, S. S.	3	2	20	1	7			13	840			39		
	Smithland,	"	Smithland, V.														
D. O. Davies, P.	Henderson,	"	Henderson, P.	8	4	260	3	11	312	577	196	152	280	83	2101	1783	160
J. T. Hendrick, D. D., P.	Paducah,	"	Paducah, P.	23	5	266	3	10	175	38	100	115	31	233	2037	856	95
—4	Columbus,	"	Columbus, S. S.			50											
	Hurricane,	"	Forest Hill, V.			10											
	Henderson,	"	Ridgewood, V.			18											
	Mayfield,	"	Mayfield, V.			10											
	Union Town,	"	Union Town, S. S.	5	1	14	2				6	4			106	6	
			—10														
				72	14	723	17	35	553	$815	$326	$293	$317	$322	$5092	$2746	$255
6. Pres. of Transylvania.																	
T. A. Bracken,	Lebanon,	Ky.	2d Church, Lebanon	23	7	140	7	16	85	30	30	500			1200	580	150
R. L. Breck,	Richmond,	"	Richmond,	4		100	4	2	100		30						10000
J. A. Bogle,	Hustonville,	"	Silver Creek,														
Wm. Crow,	Lowell,	"	Paint Lick,	5	2	82	5	1		25	23	20			525	3500	50
			Hanging Fork,														
L. G. Barbour, Pres.	Danville,	"															

			Stanford,	5		73	2	2	79		8	8	5		400		60
W. F. Junkin,	Danville,	Ky.	1st Ch. Danville,	8	7	202			80	152	100	100	30		2300	400	135
W. A. Harrison,	Harrodsburg,	"	Harrodsburg,			200											
W. M. Crenshaw,	Campbellsville,	"	Bethel,	5	2	130		2	55				15			20	
			Ebenezer,														
W. T. McElroy,	Perryville,	"	Perryville,			70			70						600		
			New Providence,			202											
			Salvisa,														
			Kirkwood,														
M. Saunders,	Springfield,	"	Springfield,			110											
			Pleasant Grove,														
Charles Hill,	Somerset,	"	Pisgah,			80			75							1600	
J. V. Logan,	Harrodsburg,	"															
			Harmony,			12											
			Mt. Pleasant,			40											
			Lawrenceburg,														
			Crab Orchard,	7	10	17	2	1	70								
			Greensburg,														
			Columbia,														
John Boyle, F. M. —13	Pernambuco,	S. A.	—23														
Licentiates—2.																	
M. L. Bourne,	Warrensburg,	Mo.															
C. L. Hogue,	Louisville,	Ky.															
Candidates—2.																	
				57	28	1458	20	24	614	$207	$191	$178	$50		$5025	$5700	$10395
7. Pres. of W. Lexington.																	
W. George, P. and S. S.	Lexington,	Ky.	Horeb, P.	8	3	79	6	3			20	12	46	16	395	170	67
	Payne's Depot,	"	Bethel, S. S.	28		60	17	2	30	25	24	10	22	10	561	20	5
D. P. Young, S. S.	Nicholasville,	"	Nicholasville, S. S.	12	4	92	9	15			111	49	26		1000	136	15
M. Van Lear, P.	Winchester,	"	Winchester, P.	6	5	75	2	12	35	99	24	43	81	59	1800	650	150
	Stoner P. O.	"	Union, V.	13													
Ro. H. Kinnaird, P.	Midway,	"	Midway, P.	24	2	108	13	3	80	87	45	35	73	38	1000	318	190
R. Douglass, P. and S. S.	Versailles,	"	Pisgah, P.	8		70	3		22	70	115	17	25		1000		18
	Mt. Sterling,	"	Mt. Sterling, S. S.			55										8	
G. H. Rout, P.	Versailles,	"	Versailles, P.	76	4	205	49	13	40	70	130	90			1500	550	150

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J. G. Hunter, P.	Georgetown, Ky.	Georgetown, P.	9	3	105	5	2	45	30	136			50	1000	525	116
T. S. Lee, P.	Troy, "	Ebenezer, P.	9	2		2		60	13	23		2		370	14	
	Keene, "	Clear Creek, P.			25					10		7		204	5	
E. Forman, S. S.	Cynthiana,															
	Broadwell, "	Mt. Pleasant, S. S.	4	2	35		1	40		8	4			300	67	8
	Boyd's Station, "	Boyers, S. S.	5	1	38	5	2	30						156	9	
	Shawhan's St'n, "	Station, S. S.	2		22	1		25						35		
F. G. Strahan, S. S.	Georgetown, "															
	Connersville, "	Beard's, S. S.	10		94	10	6	100		7				300	25	
	Newtown, "	Cherry Springs, S.S.	2		32					7				225	15	20
	Oxford, "	Oxford, S. S.			35									60	5	
H. Glass, W. C. *in trans.*	McAfee. "															
W. Dinwiddie, P. E.	Alexandria, Va.															
J. Rockwell Smith, F.M.	Pernambuco, Brazil.															
	Lexington, Ky.	1st Church, V.	3	8	280	2	9	121	250	122	45	17	147	2883	1124	1015
	" "	Walnut, Hill, V.			51											
	Williamstown, "	Williamstown, V.			20											
	Warsaw, "	Warsaw, V.			8											
	Owenton, "	Owenton, V.	2		21											
	Chilesburg, "	Salem, V.			30											
	Leesburg, "	Leesburg, S. S.			8											
B. M. Hobson, P. E.	Cynthiana, "	Cynthiana,	3	1	40	1	9	35		5	24	35		281	93	
—14	Mt. Sterling, "	—26														
Candidate—1.																
			227	38	1543	125	77	663	$434	$807	$329	$306	$320	$12470	$3724	$1754
SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.																
1. *Pres. of Chickasaw.*																
T. C. Stuart, W. C. (inf.)	Tupelo, Miss.															
A. M. Mooney, W.C. (inf.)	Oxford, "															
Wm. A. Gray, P.	Ripley, "	Ripley, P.	3		72	2	2		70	23	25	20	10	180	300	
		Walnut Creek, S. S.	7	4	42	7	2		5		3			52	3	
J. N. Waddel, D.D. LL.D.	Oxford, "															

F. Patton, P.	Tupelo,	Miss.	Tupelo, P.	7	13	54	2	3	60	50		25		15		726	6
			Zion, S. S.	4	1	75	1		50						300		
J. A. Kimmons, P.	Corinth,	"	New Hope, P.			56		2	40	25	4				257		24
			Corinth, S. S.	9	3	52	5	1	60	13	5	10	2		326	125	
O. F Rogers, P.	Boonville,	"	Boonville, P.	3	4	42	1	5		6			3		215	200	
			Ebenezer, S. S.	1		25		4							60		
J. H. Gaillard, Evan.	Pontotoc,	"	Sarepta, S. S.			20			30	3			3		60		
			Pittsboro, S. S.			7		6							48		
J. D. West, P.	Pontotoc,	"	Pontotoc, P.		3	60		2	70	50	4	12	11	9	400	46	
			Monroe, S. S.			24		14	40						150	23	
			Harmony, S. S.		1	27					10	6				276	
J. A. Sloan, S. S.	Guntown,	"	Hebron, S. S.			35				7	7				129		
			Birmingham, S. S.	2		24	1	3		8	4				250		16
D. A. Todd.	Centreville,	La.	Gaston, S. S.			14				6					82		
			Baldwyn, S. S.			6		1							100		
S. W. Mitchell, S. S.	Iuka,	Miss.	Bethany, S. S.			25											
			Iuka, S. S.														
S. M. Neel, P.	Oxford,	"	Oxford, P.			95											
			Tallahatchie, S. S.	2	1	22	1	5			2	5			40		20
J. K. P. Newton, P.	Shannon,	"	Providence, P.	7	2	31	7	8		7			2		200	8	
			Unity, S. S.			30		1		11		6	2		200	183	
D. K. McFarland, P.	Oxford,	"	Hopewell, P.	1	5	90		1	30	10	11	2	11	4	334	6	14
—15			Lebanon, S. S.	3	1	95		13	50	27	13	3	2				
			New Albany, S. S.			29			40							65	10
Licentiate—1.			Oak Forest, S. S.	1		30			40	15		2	3			63	
B. M. Faris,	Corinth,	"	—27														
				50	38	1082	27	73	510	$313	$83	$100	$59	$38	$3383	$2023	$90
2. *Pres. of Memphis.*																	
J. H. Gray, D. D.	La Grange,	Tenn.	La. Grange, S. S.	8	2	53	1	4	40	8	22				326	718	19
R. R. Evans, P.	Germantown,	"	Germantown, P.	11	2	102	2	18	59	22	10	20	4	5	325	80	18
A. H. Kerr, D.D. Editor.	Memphis,	"	Raleigh, V.	12	2	36	5		25			3					
J. O. Stedman, D. D., P.	Memphis,	"	Alabama St. Ch., P.	7	8	100	2	9	97	94	41	55	32	34	2000	700	
F. C. Morris, (Infirm),	Osceola,	Ark.	Osceola, V.			14										50	
S. S. Gill, S. S.	Somerville,	Tenn.	Hickory Withe, S.S.	5	6	83	1	1	104	59	38	50	21		472	10	
S. B. O. Wilson, P.	Covington,	"	Mt. Carmel, P.	3	3	69		7	80	52	73	27	29	28	800		161
Jas. Rosamond, W. C.	Corinth,	Miss.	Dancyville, S. S.	10	1	63	2	1	40	9	6	20				508	39

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W. A. Hall, S. S.	Covington, Tenn.	Centre, S. S.		8	26		1		11	10	6	9	5		1757	
John S. Park, P.	Memphis, "	Park Avenue, P.	5	1	67	3		115	20	22	23	10	30	1123	305	55
A. M. Watson, P.	Atoka, "	Portersville, P.			159		2		5	26	13	5	6		1810	48
F. Bowman, D.D., W.C.		Somerville, S. S.			59											
E. M. Richardson, P.	Memphis, "	3d Ch., Memphis, P.	11	5	135	3	3	99	37	50	14	16	24	1517	312	66
L. McNeely, W. C.	Middleton, "	1st " " V.			260									1750	6600	
A. Shotwell, Ed. & S. S.	Memphis, "	Union Street, S. S.	2	1	30		1								25	
W. M. Ingram, P.	Stanton, "	Stanton, P.	3	3	41	1	4	45	70	30	50	25	20	1100	108	150
W. E. Boggs, P.	Memphis, "	2d Ch., Memphis, P.	17	34	442	6	20	150	500	309	445	215	245	3500	3307	
J. H. Gillespie, P.	Brownsville, "	Mason, P.	4	2	42	1	7		52	74	51	49	21	800	122	30
J. U. Tschudy, P.	Memphis, "	Ger. Evangelical, P.	18		84	2	25	125	10	4	195	4	3	1000	273	
A. Johnson, S. S.	Germantown, "	Saulsbury, S. S.	3		34	2			11						226	10
George Summey, P.	Bolivar, "	Bolivar, P.	7	4	62	2	15	78	41	31	116	5	5	920	715	92
A. W. Young, S. S.	Memphis, "	Macon, S. S.	5		32	5	3							175	265	
H. S. Yerger, *in trans.*		Bartlett, V.			22			15				4		60		
		Covington, V.	4	7	128	2	6	86	163	100	107	80	68	745	292	348
Sam. Park (col'd), Evan.	Germantown, "	Bethesda, S. S.			26				1		1	1		30	400	
—24	Kerrsville, "	Delta, V.			32						2					
	Middleton, "	Ebenezer, S. S.		1	40	1			5	15	2	5			45	
	Stanton, "	Emmaus, V.			40											
Candidates—7.	White's Station, "	Lavinia, S. S.	2	4	8		4		15	5	5	5				
	Somerville, "	Mt. Bethany, S. S.			17							2		135	12	100
	" "	Rehoboth, S. S.			11			20				3		25	143	50
	Collierville, "	Collierville, V.			21											
		—32														
			137	94	2338	41	131	1178	$1185	$906	$1207	$523	$494	$16803	$18783	$1176
3. *Pres. of N. Mississippi.*																
Samuel I. Reid, S. S.	Hernando, Miss.	Hernando, S. S.	4	6	38	2	5	20	50	5	31			334	266	20
		Edmison, S. S.	8	2	70	4	6	40	50	5	18		12	298	233	
A. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Senatobia, "	Bethesda, S. S.			44			60	12					135		3
		Luxahoma, S. S.	5		22	1			18					15		

			Mt. Paran, S. S.			20		3		23		7			125	25		
W. T. Savage, S. S.	Grenada,	Miss.	Centre, S. S.															
			Hope, S. S.	4		17	1			25	2	7		4		80	2	
Daniel G. Doak, (inf.)	Sardis,	"	Hudsonville, S. S.															
Edward C. Davidson, P.	Water Valley,	"	Water Valley, P.	16	3	170	3		80	96	17	8	7		1000	350	130	
H. McK. Morrison, S.S.	Chulahoma,	"	Chulahoma, S. S.															
			Wall Hill, S. S.															
Geo.P. Richardson, S.S.	Garner's Station,	"	New Hope, S. S.	4	1	37	3	4			10	3		2	64			
			Garner, S. S.															
David W. Humphrey,	Courtland,	"	Courtland, S. S.	5	4	42	2	6		20					350		3	
			Spring Port, S. S.	5	2	52	2	2	10						125		4	
Jas. R. Fielder, W. C.	Grenada,	"	Neriah, V.															
Edwin Cater, P.	Oxford,	"	College, P.	1	5	144		4	50	200		37			838	125	20	
J. N. Craig, P.	Holly Springs,	"	Holly Springs, P.	4	1	116		3	65	149	27	17	21	21	1480	1807	127	
B. F. Cochran, S. S.	Courtland,	"	Long Creek, S. S.	2		56	2	6		23		4			223			
			Sand Spring, S. S.	2	2	154		7	40	31	5	6				350		
R. W. Mecklin, S. S.	Batesville,	"	Panola, S. S.	2	2	18		2		2	6		2		200		4	
			Pleasant Grove, S.S.	6		21	4	3	25						200		2	
S. W. Cheney, P.	Sardis,	"	Sardis, P.		3	70		1	50	38		25	10		315	59	2	
			Cold Water, S. S.			21				10						200	4	
			Philadelphia, S. S.			23		1		8		8	6			17		
J. M. Geary, S. S.	Red Banks,	"	Lamar, S. S.															
			Spring Creek, S. S.			60		1	30	35	35	15			500	32		
			Corinth, S. S.	1	2	20						4				6	3	
Jos.J.Johnson, *in trans.*	Victoria,	Texas,	Union Grove, S. S.	5	1	15	2	4	19	15							2	
—16			Gray's Port, S. S.	8		25		3		25							4	
			Grenada, S. S.	4	3	73	3	6	44	62		18			550	75		
			Charleston, S. S.															
Candidates—3.			—32															
				76	37	1328	29	46	528	$92	$102	$209	$46	$38	$6797	$5370	$330	
4. *Pres. of Tuscumbia.*																		
E. O. Frierson, P.	Florence,	Ala.	Florence, P.		2	114		3	76	41	16	15	15	27	1250	209		
Horace P. Smith, P.	Tuscumbia,	"	Tuscumbia, P.	9	6	80	4	8	93	3		5	6	5	910	180	100	
J. B. Lorance, P.	Courtland,	"	Courtland, P.	4	3	40	1	3	50	42	13		14	6	729	206	200	
Alex. Pinland, S. S.	Ebenezer,	"	Ebenezer, S. S.															
			Fairview, S. S.	1		45		1		7	6					50		

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		Somerville, S. S.	1		41		1	25	4	4	6					
J. C. Blackburn, S. S.	Athens, Ala.	Palmyra, S. S.														
		New Hillsboro', S. S.	4		9		1	40	3		4					
Thos. Morrow, W. C.																
		Decatur, S. S.	5	9	21	1	2	35	5						200	
L. J. Harnis, W. C.		Trinity, S. S.														
Candidate—1. —7		—10														
			24	20	350	6	19	319	$109	$40	$30	$35	$38	$2889	$845	$300
5. *Pres. of W. District.*																
	Milan, Tenn.	Concord, S. S.	6		85		7		8	5				196		5
E. S. Campbell, S. S.	Humboldt, "															
	McKenzie's St'n, "	Obion, S. S.			15				3					25		
	Rutherford St'n, "	Hebron, S. S.		1	10				2					68		2
W. J. Anderson, S. S.	Trenton, "													50		7
	Humboldt, "	New Shiloh. S. S.	1		29		1		25							
	Lavinia, "	New Providence, S. S.	2		18	2	4							50		
	Brazil, "	Zion, S. S.			40											
E. McNair, P.	Jackson, "	Jackson, P.	13	14	190	5	20	190	75	15	275			1200	150	100
	Humboldt, "	Humboldt, S. S.	1		51										2600	5
	Jackson, "	Sardis, S. S.			16											
C. K. Caldwell, P.	Denmark, "	Denmark, P.	2	1	108		5	30	72	32	33	21	16	881	40	26
M. M. Marshall, D.D., P.	Trenton, "	Trenton, P.	1	1	100				25	16	17	16		600	95	
	Union City, "	Union City, S. S.	2	3	24		7	40						204		3
	Woodville, "	Eureka, V.			18		1	25						112		
	Eaton, "	Eaton, V.	1		26	1		50		5				91		10
	Spring Creek, "	Spring Creek, V.			23											
	Ripley, "	Ripley, V.	10	8	45	5		60								
	Ripley, "	Stonewall, V.			18											
G. A. Russell, P.	Brownsville, "	Brownsville, P.	36	15	120	15	10	125	56	40	53	25	30	1200	400	15
O. B. Caldwell, S. S.	Friendship, "	Friendship, S. S.			18					10				70		
	Dyersburg, "	Dyersburg, S. S.			19					15	5		5	200	25	
J. E. Bright, D. D.	Jackson, "															

	Milan, Tenn.	Milan, S. S.			22												
	Bethel Springs, "	Bethel, S. S.			35												
	Pinson Station, "	Salem, S. S.			20												
Wm. S. Cochrane, S. S.	Center Point, "	Marl Bluff, P. E.	1	2	33	1	70	30						187			
—9.	Saltillo, "	Saltillo, S. S.			11												
Licentiate—1.	Brownsville, "	Union, V.			57												
R. L. Neely.	Denmark, "																
	Brownsville, "	Nut Bush, V.															
Candidates—3.	Huntingdon, "	Huntingdon, V.			10												
		—28															
SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI			56	45	1136	29	45	550	$266	$140	$383	$62	$51	$5134	$3310	$153	
1. *Pres. of C. Mississippi.*																	
Consider Parish, (teach).	Jackson, Miss.																
R. McInnis, D.D., Evan.	Oxford, "																
	Camden, "	Camden, S. S.			16		1		18			2	3	140	5	9	
James R. Gilland, S. S.	Canton, "	Concord, S. S.	1		26			21	8	5		2		250	75	10	
	Goodman, "	Goodman, S. S.			18									67		4	
Wm. H. Thompson, S.S.	Lexington, "	Lexington, S. S.	2	1	80			30	39		8	10		700	955	8	
		Franklin, S. S.			27				4					150		2	
C. M. Atkinson, Evan.	Durant, "																
A. P. Forman, D. D., P.	" "	Canton, P.	12	17	137	2	14	140	172	18	22	7	5	1600	353	132	
Robert Price, P.	Vicksburg, "	Vicksburg, P.	6	4	140	2	6	122	48	21	38	20	20	2000	318	10	
Jno. McCaldwell, S. S.	Carrollton, "	Carrollton, S. S.	2	9	71	1	2	50	30			13		500	337	15	
	" "	Teoc, S. S.	3		48		1		33	5	5		4			6	
	Durant, "	Durant, S. S.		4	39			20	30		4	5	5	400	47	24	
J. H. Alexander, P.	Kosciusko, "	Kosciusko. P.	1	5	98	1	5		60	10	27	20	30	430	1235	20	
A. L. Kline, D. D., P.	Brandon, "	Brandon, P.	6		80	2	5	63	69	12	35	13		875	52	70	
	Edwards, "	Edwards, S. S.	10	2	47			55	35			5		800	10	146	
Jno. Hunter, D. D., P.	Jackson, "	Jackson, P.	5		101	2	2	100	78	56	43	25	31	1614	160	344	
	Madison Station, "	Mt. Hermon, S. S.	2	2	15		2	40	10					180		2	
S. S. Brown, P.	Canton, "	Madison, P.	10		70	2	2	20	47	22	10	12	25	500	74	8	
	West Station, "	West Station, S. S.			32		3	80	20	11				250		6	
	Vaiden, "	Shongalo, S. S.	3	2	49			60	39					375	20	6	
I. J. Daniel, S. S.	Winona, "	Winona, S. S.	4	5	91			121	31					390		6	
	" "	Spring Hill, S. S.	10		40	4	2		5								
J. W. Kerr, *in trans.*	Monticello, Ark.	Yazoo City, V.	2	1	70		1	25	45				350			5	

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	Carthage, Miss.	Carthage, S. S.	4		18		2	25	18	5	5			165	100	4
R. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Ofohoma, "	Forest Grove, S. S.	1		33		1	20	17	3	3			177		4
	Camden, "	Up. Greenwood, S.S.			39				15					250		2
A. H. Mecklin, P.	Poplar Creek, "	Poplar Creek, P.	1	2	39		6	25	11	1	3			175	20	118
	French Camps, "	French Camps, P.		4	70			50	25		15			150	250	10
Stevenson Archer, S. S.	Greenville, "	Greenville, S. S.			25											
	Bolivar, "	Bolivar, V.			14											
W. B. Bingham, P.	Raymond, "	Raymond, P.	1	4	50	1	6	15	13	4	5	10	4	500	121	37
	" "	Lebanon, S. S.			46											
	Clinton, "	Clinton, S. S.	1		16			5	12					180	2	4
T. L. Haman, P.	Greenwood, "	Greenwood, P.	2		26	1		20	15	5	5	3	5	400	200	4
—19	" "	Roebuck, S. S.	2	9	11											
	Milldale, "	Leflere, S. S.			12											
	Vaiden, "	Hopewell, V.	3		85		1		40	4	10	4	4	300	50	6
	Black Hawk, "	Old Salem, V.		5	29				12		22			75	20	4
	Forest Station, "	Forest, V.	4		34	2	5	12	28		5	3		300		4
	Edwards, "	Bethesda, V.			60									150		2
	" "	Osborne, V.			30				10							
Candidates—4.	Bolton's Depot, "	Bolton, V.			6											
	Polkville, "	Bethel, V.		1	80											2
	Jaynesville, "	Calvary, S. S.			20				10							
	Fannin, "	Fannin, V.			15											
	Dry Grove, "	Dry Grove, V.		7	28				15					100		2
	Benton, "	Benton, V.			17											
—45			98	84	2098	20	67	1119	$1062	$182	$265	$154	$486	$14143	$4404	$1103
2. *Pres. of Louisiana.*																
J. E. C. Doremus, D.D. W.C.	Baton Rouge, La.	Baton Rouge, V.			82				13	14		11	4			20
Matthew B. Shaw, P.	Clinton, "	Clinton, P.	2	2	37			32	7		5	7		550		12
	Clinton, "	Comite, S. S.	6	2	45				4			8		30		
A. Z. Young,	Port Hudson, "	Plains, S. S.			36											

	Opelousas,	La.	Opelousas, V.			20													
			Grosse Tete, V.			7													
James Stratton,	Jackson,	"	Jackson, P.	9	3	72		6		28	12	17	20						
	Plaquemine,	"	Plaquemine, V.			22			25	18	6								15
R. S. McAllister,	Centreville,	Miss.	Bethany, S. S.	12	2	119		6	45	18	51				455				51
Wm. F. Gillespie, W. C.	Liberty,	"	Liberty, S. S.			42													
Wm. A. Hall,	Woodville,	"	Woodville, S. S.	3	3	44			25	10									6
—7	Liberty,	"	Oak Grove, V.			15													
	"	"	Unity,			42													
			—13																
				32	12	583		12	127	$98	$83	$22	$46	$4	$1035		$104		
3. Pres. of Mississippi.																			
J. B. Stratton, D. D., P.	Natchez,	Miss.	Natchez, P.	22	6	269	3	32	250	116	150	135		70	3000	2500	200		
A. McCallum, S. S.	Union Church,	"	Prov. & Eben., S. S.		17	30		16		15									
G. S. Roudebush, P. E.	Crystal Springs,	"	Crystal Spr'gs, P. E.		5	70			40	7	5	5	3	4	735	111			
C. W. Grafton, P.	Union Church,	"	Union Church, P.		1	134		6		26		25	10	23	598		38		
J. Woodbridge, S. S.	Brookhaven,	"	Brookhaven, S. S.	8		53	1	2							162	10	5		
Joseph Weeks, D. M.	Natchez,	"	Carmel, S. S.			11				5	5	10	1	1			10		
			Wesson, S. S.	2	2	35	1		30	10	15	13	4	18					
			Red Lick, V.	4		25				5	4	40			150		140		
			Rodney, V.			52				10	30	20	5				10		
D. A. Plancke, P.	Port Gibson,	"	Port Gibson, P.	6		80	4	2	50		38	27	18	24	1200	20	400		
			Hazelhurst, V.			84						13							
			Bethel, V.			12						20							
			Trinity,			2						1							
W. Burgess, Evan.	Brookhaven,	"																	
S. R. Bertron, W. C.	Port Gibson,	"																	
W. F. V. Bartlett,	Lynn,	Mass.																	
Geo. Hall,	Fayetteville,	Tenn.																	
Oscar Newton, P. F. I.	Crystal Spr'gs,	Miss.																	
Wm. Cameron, T.	Crystal Springs,	"																	
T. A. Ogden, W. C. (inf.)	Elizabeth,	N. J.																	
			Monticello, V.			15													
Jas. Gibert, S. S.	Jaynesville,	Miss.	Olivet, S. S.			35													
—15			Hopewell, S. S.			38													
			Greenwood, V.			16													

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		Pine Ridge, V.			30											
		Sharon, S. S.			21											
		Dry Creek, S. S.			21											
		Ben Salem, P.	2	4	84							8			240	2
Candidates—2.		Zion, —23														
			44	35	1137	15	42	370	$194	$247	$309	$49	$140	$5845	$2644	$805
4. *Pres. of New Orleans.*																
B. M. Palmer, P.	New Orleans,	La. First Church, P.	64	16	650	12	37	1658	3517	532	1234	330	325		12000	3415
H. M. Smith, Ed., S. S.	"	" Third Church, S. S.	7	1	106		6	130	62	54	103	34			2188	58
R. Q. Mallard, P.	"	" Prytania Street, P.	6	5	229	3	7	305	181	373	624	56			6875	558
Thomas R. Markham, P.	"	" Lafayette, P.	41	13	460	11	50	300	200	102	150	298	50		4260	1750
M. W. Trawick, P.	"	" Canal Street, P.	11	8	134	1	9	146	35	19	224	10	14		2600	86
William Flinn, P.	"	" Thalia Street, P.	11	5	121	1	20	360	31	39	52	16	77		2317	108
B. Wayne, S. S.	"	" Napoleon Ave., S.S.	17		60	1	1	138		2	50				3941	50
F. O. Koelle, P.	"	" Second German, P.	9		62		54	130	18	18	18	8	8		1536	120
J. C. Graham, P.	Summit,	Miss. Pisgah, P.	5	8	42	1	2	72	4	5	3	2			283	33
	Osyka,	" Osyka, P.	2	1	30	1	1	24							150	
	Amite,	La. Helena, S. S.	2	2	25	1	2	20			2				138	
	Thibodaux,	" Thibodaux, V.			30											
	Houma,	" Houma, V.														
	Centreville,	" Centreville, V.			40											
	Carrolton,	" Carrolton, V.														
	Brashear City,	" Brashear City, V.			20											
James Beattie, W. C.	New Orleans,	" —16														
Daniel McNair, (inf.)	"	"														
J. G. Gruber, S. S.	"	"														
A. J. Witherspoon, C.M. —13	"	"														
			175	59	2009	32	189	3283	$4038	$1144	$2460	$754	$474		$36359	$5178
Candidate—1.																

5. *Pres. of Red River.*																			
W. C. Dunlap, D. D., P.	Shreveport,	La.	Shreveport, P.	11	17	137	5	12	110	5			10		2500	2875	58		
A. R. Banks, P.	Rocky Mount,	"	Rocky Mount, P.	1	3	59		2	35	17		10			773	61	20		
	Douglas,	"	Alabama, S. S.			45													
	Mansfield,	"	Good Hope, S. S.	2		52	2		95						175				
	Keachi,	"	Keachi, S. S.	6		20		8							200				
Cyrus Harrington, S. S.	Mansfield,	"	Mansfield, S. S.	4	2	30		1	25						200	1800			
	Athens,	"	Athens, S. S.	1		12													
	Minden,	"	Minden, V.			3													
Jno. McCampbell, P.	Monroe,	"	Monroe, P.	5	6	25		2	32						925	1200	83		
			State Line,			9													
	Vienna,	"	Vienna, S. S.	1	3	31			45						150				
	Currie's Store,	"	Mt. Zion, V.	8	1	20	2	5											
	Gerard,	"	Oak Ridge, S. S.			15													
T. H. Cleland, S. S.	Delhi,	"	Delhi, S. S.			73													
D. A. Campbell, S. S.	Rayville,	"	Alto, S. S.			35													
	Warsaw,	"	Union, S. S.			47													
	Cotton Valley,	"	Hamilton, V.	1	10	11		1		7						1500	10		
J. T. Davidson, P.	Homer,	"	Homer, P.	12	7	57	7	1	15										
—7	Vernon,	"	Vernon, S. S.			10													
			—19	52	49	691	16	32	357	$29		$10	$10		$4923	$7436	$171		
6. *Pres. of Tombeckbee.*																			
J. A. Lyon, Prof., S. S.	Oxford,	Miss.																	
J. Bardwell, P.	Meridian,	"	Meridian, P.	5	6	83	1	1	86	115	44	12	8	8	1600	80	157		
J. N. Carothers, P.	Houston,	"	Friendship, P.	3	1	120	2	4	35	22		33		4	400				
	"	"	Houston, S. S.	7	3	63	4		25	15				6	120	20			
H. B. Boude, P.	Columbus,	"	Columbus, P.	5	6	172	3	4	130	59	143	67	32	38	2000	213	259		
	Lawrence,	"	Lawrence, S. S.	3		29			50	3		4			200				
S. J. Bingham, P.	Enterprise,	"	Enterprise, P.	16	3	43	2	3	70	17		5			600	100	20		
	Garlandsville,	"	Garlandsville, S. S.	4		27	1		24			17			243	250	17		
S. R. Frierson, S. S.	Starkville,	"	Starkville, S. S.	1	1	42		5	30	11	10	20	20		500	500			
	Columbus,	"	Beersheba, S. S.			10				9									
	DeKalb,	"	DeKalb, S. S.			45													
S. J. Love, S. S.	Macon,	"	Macon, S. S.	2	1	28			20						500	100			
	"	"	Centre Point, S. S.																

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H. C. Smith, P.	Errata, Miss.	Good Hope, P.	4	1	80		8		25					120		
	Lauderdale, "	Lauderdale, S. S.														
O. H. P. Smyth, S. S.	Laurel Hill, "	Carolina, S. S.			68											
	Peden, "	Smyrna,														
	Perkinsville, "	Perkinsville, S. S.	1	4	30	1	2				18			200	8	4
M. J. McLean, S. S.	Louisville, "	Louisville, S. S.			25		1	50	8					105		35
	Prospect, "	Bethsalem, S. S.			140		6		10	15	15			400		20
A. H. Barkley, Evan.	Crawfordville, "	Crawfordville, V.			15											
	" "	Bethel, V.			26											
	Enon, "	Enon,														
J. H. Thompson,	Paulding, "	Paulding,														
—12	Montrose, "	Montrose,		2	38		3	37	6							
	Aberdeen, "	Aberdeen, V.		1	74				51		37			1200	44	34
	Turnerville, "	Pendleton, S. S.	7		30				17							
	Okolona, "	Okoloua, V.	1		34	1			25							
	Houlka, "	Oak Grove, S. S.			38			25	21		3				400	
	Buenavista, "	Fairview, S. S.	2	2	23		2		21	1				60		
	Waynesborough, "	Philadelphia,	9		40	1		25								
	Blackswell, "	Lebanon, S. S.			63											
	Hamilton, "	Hamilton, S. S.	1		13	1	1		14						100	
	Toomsuba, "	Toomsuba, S. S.			20											
	Big Spring, "	Bethany, S. S.			23											
	West Point, "	West Point, S. S.			23				20							
	Claiborne, "	Pisgah, S. S.			35											
	Caledonia, "	Unity,	3	4	42	2	1								120	
	Scooba, "	Scooba,			27											
	" "	Knox,			20											
	Wahalak, "	Wahalak,			57											
	DeKalb, "	Pleasant Spring,			34											
	Newton, "	Mount Moriah,														
	Salem, "	Salem,														
	Shuboota, "	Shuboota, S. S.														

Licentiate—1.	Louisville,	Miss.	Mt. Zion, S. S.			23	23		4		20						600		
J. C. Carothers,			—45																
Candidate—1.																			
				74	58	1643	19	41	577	$489	$213	$231	$60	$56	$7248	$1435	$546		
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.																			
1. *Pres of La Fayette.*																			
John L. Yantis, D. D.	Brownsville,	Mo.																	
J. W. Wallace,	Lee's Summit,	"	Lee's Summit,																
R. S. Reese,	Windsor,	"	Windsor,																
Jno. Montgomery, D. D.	Longwood,	"	Longwood,																
R. S. Symington,	Pleasant Hill,	"	Pleasant Hill,																
F. R. Gray,	Higginsville,	"	Prairie,																
Joshua Barbee,	Marshall,	"	Mt. Olive,																
J. T. Paxton,	"	"																	
A. D. Madeira,	Kansas City,	"	Kansas City,																
A. W. Milster,	Nevada,	"	Nevada,																
J. F. Watkins,	Osceola,	"																	
J. M. Chaney,	Lexington,	"	Principal,																
E. M. Yantis,	Brownsville,	"																	
J. E. Wheeler,	Sedalia,	"	Sedalia,																
James Morton,	Mt. Hope,	"	Hopewell,																
S. T. Ruffner,	Waverly,	"	Waverly,																
W. Dickson,	Dover,	"	Dover,																
—17			Virgil City,																
			Independence,																
			Pisgah,																
			Marshall,																
Licentiate—1.			Miami,																
John B. Ruby.			Brownsville,																
			Calhoun,																
			Clinton,																
			Salem,																
			North Prairie,																
			Six Mile,																
			Oakland,																
			1st Ch., Pettis Co.																
			Providence,																

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			Wellington,														
			Brush Creek,														
			Saline,														
			Westminster,														
			Brownington,														
			Belvoir,														
			Montrose,														
			Papinsville,														
			Little Tebo,														
			Westport,														
			—36														
2. *Pres. of Missouri.*																	
John F. Cowan, S. S.	McCredie,	Mo.	Auxvosse, S. S.	35	2	236	11	12	75	28	6	1				870	250
Benj. Y. George, S. S.	St. Louis,	"	Augusta, S. S.			65			40							80	9
			NewBloomfield, S.S.	1	2	50		2								225	6
R. S. Campbell, P.	Columbia,	"	Columbia, P.	48	9	186	3	8	100							1500	300
W. W. Trimble, S. S.	Concord,	"	Concord, S. S.	1		159		2	75	60						900	100
W. W. Robertson, S. S.	"	"	White Cloud, S. S.	7	2	129	5		60							400	30
B. H. Charles, S. S.	Boonville,	"	Boonville, S. S.	20	12	206			75							1363	15
			Mexico, S. S.	20	15	137	11	4	130	4	19					700	564
H. P. S. Willis, S. S.	Brunswick,	"	Salisbury, S. S.			18			72	5						150	90
7—			Bethel,														
			Brunswick,	23	9	49		4	50							400	25
Licentiate—1.			Keytesville,	1		12				20						200	10
Francis Mitchell.			Clerke,			15		5									
			Fulton,	110	20	230										600	
			Rocheport,			12											
			Union,			26		2		16						116	1
			Arrow Rock,			15											
			Harmony,	3	3	18	1	1	6								15

			Jefferson City,			20												
			Vandalia, 2d Ch.,			10		1	35							75		
			California,			8												
			--21															
				269	64	1611	31	41	718	133	25	100				7399	1515	
3. *Pres. of Palmyra.*																		
J. M. Travis,	Sante Fe,	Mo.	South Fork,			90												
"			New Hope,			55												
J. V. Barks,	Perry,	"	Lick Creek,			64												
"			Mount Prairie,			40												
M. G. Gorin,	Memphis,	"	Memphis,			150												
L. P. Bowen,	Rensselaer,	"	Big Creek,			120												
"			Paris,			25												
E. M. Palmer,	Philadelphia,	"	Philadelphia,			40												
"			Monroe City,			40												
T. B. Lunsford,	Etna,	"	Etna,			45												
"			Des Moines,			29												
"			Alexandria,			14												
John F. Baker,	Palmyra,	"	Palmyra,			70												
J. B. Matthews, W. C.	Ashley,	"																
James Greer, Teacher,	Rensselaer,	"																
Leo. Baier, Teacher,	Hannibal,	"																
Licentiate—1. —10																		
C. C. Hersman, (Prof.)	Fulton,	"																
			Ashley, V.			71												
			Florida,			89												
			Warren, V.			15												
			Marble Creek, V.			11												
			Granville, V.			13												
			Maberly, V.			12												
			Mount Horeb,			51												
			Vandalia, V.			25												
			Shelbina, V.			30												
			Shelbyville, V.			23												
			Zion's Hill, V.			12												
			La Belle, V.			42												
			Pleasant Hill,			26												

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		Macon City, V.			6											
		La Grange, V.			30											
		—28														
					1238											
4. *Pres. of Potosi.*																
A. Munsen, S. S.	Potosi,	Mo. Potosi, S. S.			51											
		Irondale, S. S.			16											
T. Carr Barret, S. S.	Caledonia,	" Bellevue, S. S.	8	1	75	2	7	45	45	1	15				636	35
		South Bellevue, S.S.	2		19				15		6				225	25
C. W. Alexander, S. S.	Pocahontas,	" 1st Ch. Apple Ck. S.S.	8		85	2	4	50	15		15				400	
		Brazeau, S. S.	20		70	5	3	40	15		25				450	
O. W. Gauss, P.	Cape Girardeau,	" Cape Girardeau, P.	21	4	72	10	16	70	40		19				950	100
Wm. McCarty, S. S.	Jackson,	" Jackson, S. S.	8	1	26	2		50	15		4				1053	8
Geo. W. Harlan, S. S.	Farmington,	" Farmington, S. S.	2	2	56		3	75	32	7	22				451	7
—6		New Madrid, V.			47				13		8				236	
		Sikeston, V.			7											
		Pleasant Hill, V.			80											
		Charleston, V.			8											
		Clark's Creek, V.			8				5		2					
		Lakeville, V.			10				5							
		Ironton, V.			56											
		Clarkton, V.			10				5	3						
Licentiate—1.																
James V. Worsham,	Frolina,	"														
		—17														
Candidate—1.																
			69	8	696	21	33	330	$205	$11	$116				$4401	$175
5. *Pres. of St. Louis.*																
John N. Gilbreath,	Newport,	Mo. Newport,														
Thomas Watson,	Dalhoff,	" Dardenne,														
Henry A. Booth,	Mill Spring,	" Jennings, 1st Ch.,														
James H. Brookes, D. D.	St. Louis,	" Walnut street,														

Wm. H. Parks,	St. Charles,	Mo.	Des Peres,
Ro. P. Farris, D. D., Ed.	St. Louis,	"	
Thomas C. Smith,	High Hill,	"	Price's Branch,
Robt. G. Brank, D. D.	St. Louis,	"	Central,
B. T. Lacy, D. D.	Mexico,	"	
Edward Martin,	St. Charles,	"	St. Charles,
E. H. Rutherford, D. D.	St. Louis,	"	Pine Street,
W. J. Lapsley,	Bridgeton,	"	Mizpah,
W. B. Y. Wilkie,	Troy,	"	Troy,
O. S. Thompson,	St. Louis,	"	Mt. Carmel,
Ben. Y. George,	"	"	Webster Street,
A. Hagaman,	"	"	
S. W. Mitchell,	Washington,	"	
W. P. Paxson,	Louisiana,	"	
—18			Boeuff,
			New Haven,
			Washington,
			Wentzville,
			Maline,
			Auburn,
			South Dardenne,
			Olivet,
			Montgomery City,
			Warrenton,
			Joachin,
			Bonhomme,
			Jerseyville,
Licentiate—1.			Chouteau Ave.,
Robt. P. Kerr,	Lexington,	"	—27
Candidates—2.			
6. *Pres. of Up. Missouri.*			
John G. Fackler,	St. Joseph,	"	St. Joseph, 1st Ch.
David Coulter, D. D.	Liberty,	"	Central,
R. Carson,	Fulton,	"	
C. W. Price,	Plattsburg,	"	Plattsburg,

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C. A. Wylie,	Stewartsville, Mo.	Stewartsville,														
W. C. McPheeters,	Liber y, "															
J. L. Barnes,	Barnesville, "	Bethel,														
J. M. Scott,	Black Hawk, Ky.															
J. P. Foreman, —9	Liberty, Mo.	Liberty,														
		Central,														
		English Grove,														
		New Salem,														
		Richmond,														
		Carrollton,														
		Harding,														
Candidate—1		—12														
SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.																
1. *Pres. of Holston.*																
Wm. Harrison, W. C.	Morristown, Tenn.	Pisgah, V.			52											
W. A. Taylor, W. C.	Jonesville, Va.															
N. Shotwell, S. S.	Rogersville, Tenn.	Rogersville, S. S.			140											
	Stony Point, "	New Providence, SS.	14	3	100	1	1	50	5						15	70
J. R. King, S. S.	Bristol, "	Cold Spring, S. S.	31	3	117	12	4		7	5	9	4			10	40
	Union, "	Pleasant Grove, S.S.			75											
W. H. Smith, S. S.	Morristown, "	Morristown, S. S.	24	14	119	10	9	105	25	31	136	6		524	652	15
	Strawb'ry Plains, "	Strawb'ry Plains, SS.	12	3	49	4	3		18			3		57		11
G. A. Caldwell, P.	Bristol, "	Bristol, P.	23	13	315	2	14	149	38	87	87	8	13	1413	300	67
J. D. Tadlock, Pr. K. Col.	" "															
S. B. Campbell, S. S.	Tazewell, "	Tazewell, S. S.		5	37	1	10	20	18	5	15	4		250	150	15
	Rose Hill, Va.	Mt. Carmel, S. S.	2	2	56			35	11	8	8	4	2	250	8	13
J. P. Briscoe, S. S.	Blountville, Tenn.	Blountville, S. S.	10	1	150	7	14	35	2	9	400					35
	Arcadia, "	Arcadia, S. S.		3	32	1	16			5	3			117		
A. M. Doak, S. S.	St. Clair, "	Meadow Creek, S.S.			35				2		2	4		115		
	" "	Liberty Hill, S. S.			25				4			2				
A. C. Snoddy, S. S.	Strawb'ry Plains, "	Concord, S. S.		1	40			30		6				143	11	19

	Dandridge,	Tenn.	Dandridge, S. S.	9	1	46	5	2			13	10		6	300			
J. A. Wallace, S. S.	Jonesboro',	"	Jonesboro', S. S.			53												
	Johnson City,	"	Johnson City, S. S.			42												
J. C. Cowan,	Ripley,	"																
—13	Leesburg.	"	Leesburg, V.	1	1	75		1	37	9	5	7			150	50	10	
	Mossy Creek,	"	Mossy Creek, S. S.	1	4	71		9	51	76	87	24			562	100	35	
	Rutledge,	"	Rutledge, V.			36			35							1000	36	
	Blountville,	"	New Bethel, V.			140												
	Rheatown,	"	Rheatown, V.			25												
	Freedom,	"	Providence, V.			38												
	Clover Bottom,	"	Clover Bottom, V.			14												
	Home,	"	Mt. Zion, V.			12												
	Mooresburg,	"	Mooresburg, V.			8												
	Bean's Station,	"	Bean's Station, V.			8												
	Taylorsville,	"	Taylorsville, V.			11												
			Long's Creek, S. S.			18												
	Midway,	"	Blue Spring, S. S.			9												
Licentiates—5.	Talbots,	"	Talbots, V.			8												
A. W. Wilson, (Prof.)	Morristown,	"	—32															
N. M. Long,	"	"																
C. L. Ewing,	"	"																
A. S. Doak,	H'pden Sidney,	Va.																
N. Keff. Smith,	"	"																
Candidates—10.																		
				127	54	1956	43	83	547	$215	$261	$701	$35	$21	$3881	$2366	$366	
2. Pres. of Knoxville.																		
J. W. Bachman,	Chattanooga,	Tenn.	Chattanooga,	3	10	135	2	8	100	70	73	35	34		900	25		
	Washington,	"	Washington,	2		19	2			10	10		3			2	5	
T. M. Boyd,	Cleveland,	"	Cleveland,			30			25									
	Charleston,	"	Shiloh,			20												
T. H. McCallie,	Chattanooga,	"																
	Riceville,	"	Riceville,	1	2	13												
T. D. Lea,	Soddy,	"	Soddy,	2	3	63	1	2	40		10	3	1		200			
	Benton,	"	Benton,			18					5				50	6		
W. E. Chittenden,	Cleveland,	Ohio,																
	Loudon,	"	Loudon,			21					5							
J. P. Gammon,	Knoxville,	Tenn.	Knoxville, 3d Ch.	11	3	43	5		150			5	250			182		

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	Knoxville, Tenn.	Lebanon,	11	7	45	3	3	33		4				345		
H. T. Morton,	Rockford, "	Rockford,	5	1	29	4			26	11	7	8		338	10	33
	Maryville, "	Maryville,	8	3	51	3	2	55	4	7	5	2		512	52	5
J. C. Phelps,	———, Mo.															
	Ebenezer, Tenn.	Cedar Spring,			32		2	48		4					95	2
D. F. Smith,	Athens, "	Mars' Hill,	3	4	65		1	60	14	7	5	6		492	40	
	Concord, "	Pleasant Forest,	1	1	45		1	80		5				92	5	
Jas. A. Wallace,	Sweet Water, "	Sweet Water,	4	3	95	1	2	108	9	12	25	9		465	16	80
	Madisonville, "	Madisonville,	30	3	89	7	2	80	4	3	16	7		260	30	7
James Park,	Knoxville, "	Knoxville, 1st Ch.	78	10	258	17	27	170	165	103	147		70	1824	56	1447
—11	Athens, "	New Bethel,			20				3		1					
	Harrison, "	Harrison,			20											
Candidates—5.	Tellico, "	Tellico,			9											
	Cleveland, "	Beech Spring,	2		16		3									
	Sale Creek, "	Sale Creek,			19											
	Smith's X Rds., "	Richland,			5											
		—24														
			161	50	1160	45	53	969	$305	$259	$249	$70	$70	$5728	$519	$1579
3. *Pres. of Nashville.*																
Thos. A. Hoyt, P.	Nashville, Tenn.	First Church, P.	40	33	525	17	26	800	9564	551	2738	239	338	4672	3965	2827
Jas. W. Hoyte, P.	" "	Second " P.	16	10	101	3	4	139	47	39	194	23	15	1252	508	375
Frank D. Moore, P.	" "	Moore Memorial, P.	4	53	57	1		130	82			39		725	7888	
Jas. H. McNeilly, P.	" "	Edgefield, P.	31	11	188	8	20	345	123	92	42	39	48	2500	4476	225
J. W. Lupton, P.	Clarksville, "	Clarksville, P.	14	13	210	5	8	295	269	352	347	46	140	2000	628	676
H. H. Banks, P.	Murfreesboro, "	Murfreesboro, P.	15	8	211	4	14	112	89	77	54	35	54	2647	609	195
J. F. Hill, P. E.	Shelbyville, "	Shelbyville, P. E.	1	6	174			150	105	60	70	55	18	1354	336	148
Jas. W. Shearer, P.	Gallatin, "	Gallatin, P.	21	4	133	6	16	100	22	16	9	19	8	1000	282	200
F. A. Thompson, S. S.	Franklin, "	Franklin, S. S.	21	6	93	11	5	45	7	35		4		1280	206	190
Wm. Neill, W. C.	Nashville, "	Hermitage, V.	4		26	2	1							140	10	2
J. H. Rice, D. D., W.C.	" "	Harpeth, V.	2		28		5	50	21	12	13		18	139		
J. B. Chapman, P.	Smyrna, "	Smyrna, P.	4	2	64		2	95	66	41	53	41	25	707	125	25

A. Enloe, S. S.	Franklin, Tenn.	New Hope, S. S.	2		58	1		19	14	11	9	10	5	242	19	22
Alex. Cowan, P.	Hendersonville, "	Hendersonville, P.	2		39		5	55	10	15	25	5	1	228		61
	Madison, "	Madison, S. S.	1		46			98	9	8	4	5	3	208		18
W. L. Rosser, P.	Walter Hill, "	Hall, P.			50		1	45	25	10	26	10	12	355	50	15
	Warbrace, "	Bethsalem, S. S.			40		3	45	5					212	35	43
	McMinnville, "	McMinnville, V.	2	3	47	2	1			5		10	9	112	29	
	Readyville, "	Stone's River, S. S.	22	7	87	18		46	27	11		4	8	159	8	9
	Shop Spring, "	Spring Creek, V.	5		62	1	1	70	9	10	10	3		175	75	25
E. J. Brantly, Evan.	Milton, "	Hopewell, S. S.	12	1	63	1		63	41	11	11	7	12	200	50	
	Watertown, "	Mt. Vernon, V.	2		90	1	1	80						100	25	15
	Decherd, "	Decherd, V.	3	9	30	3	4	60		6					300	25
	Woodbury, "	Woodbury, V.	15	2	26	10	3	44						70	5	15
	Charlotte, "	New Bethel, V.			20											
	Richland, "	Richland, V.			5											
	Hartsville, "	Hartsville, V.			14											
	Gallatin, "	Shiloh, V.			35			20								
	Statesville, "	Union, V.			15											
A. McElroy, S. S.	Tullahoma, "	Tullahoma, V.			9											
	Dickson, "	Smeedsville, V.			39											
	Readyville, "	Cripple Creek, S. S.			48											
A. H. Price, Evan.	Craig's Creek, Va.	--32														
T. D. Wardlaw, D.D., S.S.	Shelbyville, Tenn.															
J. B. Shearer, D.D. Pres.	Clarksville, "															
A. N. Cunningham, W. C.	Franklin, "															
Jas. Wilson, W. C. --22	Nashville, "															
Candidates--6.																
			239	168	2653	94	117	2886	$10535	$1362	$3605	$594	$714	$20477	$19559	$5093
4. Pres: of N. Alabama.																
F. A. Ross, D. D., P.	Huntsville, Ala.	Huntsville, P.	15	4	164		3	80		78				1500	536	
Wm. Mack, D. D., Evan.	Columbia, Tenn.															
J. S. Frierson, P.	Mt. Pleasant, "	Mt. Pleasant, P.			40		1	20		12	8	6	5	95	260	25
		Williamsport, P.	1		30	.1		20		10	6	4	4	110		
F. A. Thompson,	Franklin, "															
J. C. Mitchell, P.	Columbia, "	Columbia, P.	6	15	205	.2	2	214	115	54	136	53	28	2300	838	115
S. W. Mitchell, P.	" "	Zion, P.		1	155		5	69	41	42				1200	175	184

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W. J. Frierson,	Columbia, Tenn.															
J. A. Woods, P.	Lewisburg, "	Union, P.	18	1	90	4	3	25						394		
		Petersburg,			26		2	28	5		5					
Robert Caldwell,																
J. H. Alexander, S. S.	Cornersville, "	Cornersville,		1	63			35	40	17	18	16	16	350	260	15
		Lewisburg,	4	2	84	2	4	90	27	14	38	18	8	450	80	29
J. P. Osborne, P.	Fayetteville, "	Swan Creek, P.	2		62		4	35	4					209	11	
		Unity, P.			39			20	6		2	4		198	12	
J. E. Du Bose, P.	Pulaski, "	Pulaski, P.	5	3	117	2		65	86		95	21		750	218	39
Robt. Gray, S. S.	Spring Hill, "	Spring Hill, S. S.		1	76			25	64		45	10		686	25	22
		Port Royal, S. S.														
T. J. Stone, P.	Columbia, "	Beth Berei, P.	1		129		3		70		6			250		6
		Elk Ridge, P.			35			25	7		3			108	25	10
		Mooresville, P.														
Wm. Stoddert, S. S.	Lynnville, "	Lynnville, S. S.	16	2	79	10	1	20	8	8	8	8		450	58	28
		Culleoka, S. S.														
C. F. Williams, Evan.	Ashwood, "	Cathey's Creek, S. S.		2	24			20	10	4	4	3	3	100		2
A. Smith, W. C.	Fayetteville, "	Ebenezer, S. S.			20				5		4		3	60		
Licentiate—1.		Salem, (col'd,) S. S.	1	1	155		6	60	4	3	4	4			150	300
J. T. Rothrock, S. S.	Brick Church, "	Richland, S. S.	1		62	1		50	17	18	9	12	8	300	111	30
—17		Bethany, S. S.			90	1	1	60	18	18	8	9		425		61
		Young's Chapel, S.S.														
		Chapel Hill, V.														
		Fayetteville, V.			40		1	25							587	58
		—27														
			69	33	1785	23	36	986	$527	$278	$399	$168	$85	$9925	$3346	$924
SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA.																
1. *Pres. of Concord.*																
Jesse Rankin, P.	Lenoir, N. C.	Lenoir, P.	9	3	60	4	2	45	39	63	17	9	25	300	78	10
		Bethel, V.			39											
	Salisbury, "	Franklin, V.	3	1	173	2	3	50						113		5
T. P. Johnston, D. M.	Morganton, "	Drusilla, V.			12											

	Davidson Col., N.C.	College Church, S.S.	5	1	49		3	82	37	90	22	42	8	300	3	12	
E. F. Rockwell, S. S.	Cool Springs, "	Fifth Creek, S. S.	42	11	127	13	14	70	6	5	3	4		137	250	30	
	" " "	Bethany, S. S.	8		78		7	25	11	14	4			100			
T. N. Paxton, P.	Marion, "	Marion, P.		5	37		1	22	14	4	5	12	6	200		30	
	" "	Siloam, S. S.	1		46		2	35	3	5	4	8	5	118	29	13	
G. M. Gibbs, S. S.	Hickory Station, "	Gibb's Mission, S.S.	1	22	23		1		4	2	1	2	1	112	6	6	
	Rock Cut, "	Shiloh, S. S.	1	8	37	1	2		2					80			
B. L. Beall, S. S.	Lenoir, "	Taylorsville, S. S.	4	3	73		6	40	28	11	13	4	22	175		15	
		Jefferson, V.			11												
J. Rumple, P.	Salisbury, "	Salisbury, P.	22	6	140	6	5	138	115	57	852	20	2	1300	700	65	
	Mocksville, "	Mocksville, V.	2	1	28		4		73			5			2	5	
Wm. W. Pharr, P.	Mt. Mourne, "	Bethphage, P.	8	3	170		4	65	7	5	4	3	15	325	15	25	
	" "	Centre, P.	7	2	121	1	13	55	37	14	12	5	20	301	593	22	
A. E. Chandler, S. S.	Mt. Ulla, "	Back Creek, S. S.	1	6	88	1	2	65	5	13	3	12	4	472	20	10	
	Amity Hill, "	Bethesda, S. S.	4	1	80		5		5	3		2					
W. A. Wood, P.	Statesville, "	Fourth Creek, P.		15	163		7	130	64	103	41	11		675	246		
	Salisbury, "	Thyatira, V.	5		134	1	12	100						125		3	
J. S. Mack, P.	Harris' Depot, "	Rocky River, P.	27	9	366	3	23	175	99	144	129	148	69	900	489		
	Morganton, "	Morganton, S. S.	4	1	75		6	30	56	33	14	18	25	450	180	80	
	Fancy Hill, "	Concord, S. S.	65	1	268	6	23	75	36	46	4	3		150		8	
L. McKinnon, P.	Concord, "	Concord Town, P.	24	12	154	4	18	100	137	59	49	50	37	1000	3258		
	Stony Point, "	Salem, V.			27												
		Tabor, S. S.			30												
R. M. Tuttle, P.	Mooresville, "	Prospect, P.	31	14	355	3	30	60	5	5	13	5	18	800	700	47	
		Newton, S. S.	1		31	1	2	25	21	6	5	9	6	171		8	
		Zion, V.	1	16	17												
	Concord, "	Poplar Tent, S. S.	6	1	170		3	153	50	30	23	24	22	351	24	85	
		Unity, S. S.	12	1	95		3	50	34	10		16	7	90	1500	27	
		Third Creek, S. S.	47	2	135	7	6	70	35	2	3	6	3	70		27	
		Wilksboro, V.			21												
S. Taylor Martin, Pres.	Statesville, "	—34															
Daniel Lindsay, F. M.	Port Natal, Africa.																
J. W. Davis, F. M.	Soochow, China.																
—16																	
Licentiates—5.																	
J. C. Kennedy,	Mount Mourne, N.C.																
B. G. Clifford,	Reidville, S. C.																

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R. W. Boyd,	Woodleaf, N. C.															
R. B. McAlpine,	Concord, "															
T. J. Allison,	Davidson Col. "															
Candidates—6.																
			341	145	3453	53	208	1670	$921	$724	$1221	$416	$313	$7915	$8393	$533
2. *Pres. of Fayetteville.*																
Hector McLean, P.	Melrose, N. C.	Antioch, P.	6	2	134	1	8	48	7	10	10	15		110		12
		Philadelphus, P.			111		2	51	5	6	5	2	3	87	22	6
J. P. McPherson, S. S.	Laurinburgh, "	McPherson, S. S.	11		68	5	5	25	19	21	10	18	4	266	37	
		Galatia, S. S.	37		148	4	2	73	4	10	14	13	16	266	16	
		Lumber Bridge, S. S.	29		85	15	9	25	14	7	10	14	7	248	12	9
Neill McKay, D. D., S. S.	Summerville, "	Salem, S. S.			42											
		Tirza, S. S.			60		1	30	3	5	4	10	3			
		Sandy Grove, S. S.	1		95	1	6		3	1	2	1	1			
Andrew McMillan, S. S.	Laurel Hill, "	Mt. Carmel, S. S.			49											
Archibald Baker, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Centre, P.	56	14	203	7	18	121	25	15	15	20	3	800	120	
D. D. McBryde, P.	Little Riv'r Ac'y, "	Bluff, P.	9		155		1	75	23	7	31	10		400		
		Sardis, S. S.			50		1	40	19		5					
Martin McQueen, P.	Carthage, "	Carthage, P.	5	2	139	4	3	25	10	10	12	5	5	156		37
		Union, P.	8		300	3	17	125	20	20	20	10	15	466		
		Bethesda, S. S.	3		135		5	20		6	5					
James McQueen, S. S.	Swan's Station, "	St. Andrews, S. S.	5	2	101	3	8		2	2	12			125	10	
		Barbacue, S. S.			84											
		Mt. Pisgah, S. S.			42											
		Flat Branch, S. S.			23											
N. T. Bowden, S. S.	Bostick's Mills, "	Harmony, S. S.			56											
Archibald McQueen, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Ashpole, P.	99	5	379	43	17	60	10	10	5	5		750	133	
		Iona, S. S.	16		64	5	2	70	1	1	1	1	1	250		
		Lumberton, S. S.	21	2	44	5	8	24	21	7	13	11	6	50		
John H. Coble, S. S.	Laurinburgh, "	Laurinburgh, S. S.	2	1	50	1	2	20	7	10	7	7	7	621	9	
H. G. Hill, P.	Fayetteville, "	Fayetteville, P.	8	7	186	4	10	85	57	51	53	97	48	1500	185	39

David Fairley, P.	Manchester, N. C.	Cypress, P.	6		72	2	4		6	5	3	3	3	200		
		China Grove, P.	2		82		2	25	36	18	18	18		500		601
		Long Street, S. S.	5	2	82	2	3	20	9	9	9	9	1	200		
Malcolm McNair, P.	Melrose, "	Bethel, P.	16	1	78	4	7	51	2	3	2	5	4	116		
		Montpelier, S. S.			4											
A. N. Ferguson, S. S.	Laurinburgh, "	Laurel Hill, S. S.	9		190	6	12	30	16	25	56	77	15	344	9	9
		Smyrna, S. S.	2		170		4	60	8	9	17	28	5	330		9
		Buckingham, S. S.	3		9			30	4	3	3	3	2	225	200	
K. M. McIntyre, P.	Butler's Ford, "	Mineral Spring, P.			131		5	20	2	5	1		2	200		
		Pee Dee, S. S.			20				5	7	5	3	5	200		
		Sharon, S. S.	2		70	1			1	2	3	1	2	175		
		Ben Salem, S. S.	4	1	100		4									
		Macedonia, S. S.			45		5		1			1		140		
Joseph Evans, P. E.	St. Pauls, "	St. Pauls, P. E.	32		146	15	1	125	7		20		13	415	75	75
		Big Rockfish, P. E.	34		117	26	3	35	4	17	26		10	250		60
		Mt. Tabor, S. S.	7		42	4	6	30		4	3			100	35	
		Sherw'd Chapel, S.S.	1	31	32			30	25					75		14
T. L. DeVeaux, Editor,	Fayetteville, "															
William S. Lacy, P. E. —19	Jonesboro', "	Buffalo, P. E.	3	5	213	1	5	72	56	42	46	13	11	375	40	13
		Euphronia, P. E.		1	92		6	35	5	10	16	6	7	125	30	
		Lebanon, V.		2	10			15								
		Mark's Creek, V.			39											
		Mizpah, V.			14											
Licentiate—1.		Bethlehem, V.			12											
D. S. McAlister,	Fayetteville, "	—48														
Candidates—7.			442	78	4573	159	192	1495	$436	$358	$462	$406	$188	$10065	$933	$907
3. *Pres. of Mecklenburg.*																
R. H. Morrison, D.D., S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.	Unity, S. S.	1		35		1		24	11	11	10		250	10	10
		Castania Grove, S.S.	1	1	67		1		29	11	10	9			15	
J. E. Morrison, S. S.	Wadesborough, "	Lebanon, S. S.	2		46	1			9	5	10	4	4	65	2	3
J. D. Hall, W. C.	Woodlawn, "															
		Machpelah, V.			6											
John Douglas, P.	Charlotte, "	Steele Creek, P.	23	1	347	9	24	125	411	94	80	50	45	650	37	200
		Pleasant Hill, P.	5	2	57	2	3	25	3	2	2	2		260	4	152
Wm. N. Morrison, S. S.	Asheville, "	Red Oak, S. S.			6											200

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D. McN. Turner, D.D., T.	Shelby, N. C.	Shelby, V.			11											
R. H. Chapman, DD. Pr. P.	Charlotte, "	Caldwell, P.	2		203		9	90			6	4		2	10	
Wm. Graves, D. M.	Mills River, "															
		Mills River, V.			44											
Walter W. Pharr, P.	Alexandriana, "	Mallard Creek, P.	25	1	200	3	16	150	90	10	10	5		505		70
		Ramah, P.	10	2	167	5	12		36	6				400	8	4
Thomas E. Davis, S. S.	Pleasant Ridge, "	Olney, S. S.	16	4	116		12	50	11	9				227	10	24
		Union, S. S.	1		85			50	3	4				139	4	19
J. C. Williams, P.	Huntersville, "	Hopewell, P.	1		165		7	100	10	10	10	5		870	20	67
Jacob Hood, *in trans.*	Maudsville, Mo.															
		Ebenezer, V.			43											
A. W. Miller. D.D., P.	Charlotte, N. C.	Charlotte, 1st Ch. P.	7	20	253	2	18	400	1100	191	193	72	197	2000	60	965
S. C. Alexander, Evan.	Wadesboro', "	Wadesboro', S. S.	6	1	7		2	20	5	5	4	3	5	200		31
		Monroe, S. S.	6	8	14				2	2	2	2	1	100		3
		Bethlehem, S. S.	18	2	40		7	35						95		
D. T. Towles, T. & S. S.	Forks of Pigeon, "	Bethel, S. S.			39											
Wm. B. Corbett, P.	Asheville, "	Asheville, P.		5	73			52	43	48	30	22	14	700	10	288
G. D. Parks, P.	Charlotte, "	Sugar Creek, P.	11	3	233	2	5	110	114	30		12	15	900	15	130
R. Z. Johnston, P. E. & SS.	Lincolnton, "	Lincolnton, P. E.	3	4	63		4	45	112	31	11	12	13	400	8	153
		Dallas, S. S.	1	1	16	1	3	40	8			2		25	2	
		Goshen, S. S.	3	8	30	1	1	40	19	5	9	1	4	100	2	1
		Paper Mill, S. S.	2	7	18	2	3	45	12	6	5	6	8	70	5	4
R. B. Anderson, S. S.	Morgantown, "															
William McDonald, P.	Charlotte, "	Philadelphia, P.	20	2	190	6	14	75	76	25	10	8	10	550	14	70
J. J. Kennedy, P. & S. S.	Gastonia, "	New Hope, P.	12		105	1	10	40	19	6				206	6	6
		Long Creek, S. S.	5		78	1	3	30	15	7				250	10	10
William H. Davis, P.	Charlotte, "	Sharon, P.	43	1	192	4	13	75	22	22	5			429	10	
—22		Providence, S. S.	3	5	113	1	2	30	149	29	18	9	16	500	20	13
		Hephzibah, V.	2		24	2			2		2	2	4	26	1	
		Hendersonville, V.			24											
		Davidson River, V.	2	3	45		2	35	9					120		

			Swannanoa, V,			37											
			Franklin, V.	5	1	30		2	42	6					200		
			Hiwassee, V.			18											
			Little Britain, V.		4	86			7			8			125	8	45
			Rutherfordton, V.			20											
			Sandy Plains, V.			11											
			Sand Hill, S. S.			10											
			Charlotte, 2d Ch. V.	1	41	42											
			--43														
Licentiate—1.																	
Alfred J. Morrison,	Cottage Home,	N.C.															
Candidates—4.				237	127	3409	43	174	1711	$2339	$569	$436	$ 240	$336	$10367	$291	$2445
4. *Pres. of Orange.*																	
George W. Ferrill, S. S.	Tally Ho,	"	Geneva, S. S.	1		36		2	31						52		
			Horeb, V.			6											
Edward Hines, P.	Sassafras Fork,	"	Shiloh, P.		2	41		4	42	2	2	1	5	1	184	18	11
			Nutbush, S. S.			30				35	5	5	5		216	15	10
Jacob Doll, P.	Yancyville,	"	Yancyville, P.			17		1		3	2	2	2	1	100		3
			Bethesda, P.	8		73	6	2		6	7	3	7	5	430		12
A. Currie, P.	Graham,	"	Graham, P.	2		70		4	40	16	25	20	20		600	111	19
			Stony Creek, V.			43			30					3	26		3
Thos. U. Faucett, S. S.	Sassafras Fork,	"	Oak Hill, S. S.		3	14			20	8	4	2			175	10	
Joseph M. Atkinson, P.	Raleigh,	"	Raleigh, P.	21	15	197	4	8	98	114	193	78	25	35	1200	130	486
P. H. Dalton, Ag.,	High Point,	"															
			Long's Mills, V.														
J. H. Smith, D. D., P.	Greensboro,	"	Greensboro', P.	20	8	207	5	12	172	239	60	646	84	40	1900	553	187
F. H. Johnston, P.	Lexington,	"	Lexington, P.		1	84		4	135	61	28	21	22	5	562	79	21
			Winston, S. S.		6	36		3	40	31	3	26	3	2	300	12	4
D. E. Jordan, P.	Oxford,	"	Oxford, P.		1	74		1	45	30	28	20	47	23	725	78	11
			Grassy Creek, S. S.			8				3	2	2	4	2	89		3
			Henderson, S. S.		1	12		1		5	2	3	2		165		6
Drury Lacy, D. D., S.S.	Raleigh,	"	Pittsboro', S. S.			37			15	13	5	4	3	3	120	22	13
			Durham, S. S.	4	1	14	2			5	2	2	2	5	130	10	10
			Haywood, S. S.		2	14				7							3
			Oakland, S. S.			12		2		5					100		

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James C. Alexander, P.	Greensboro', N. C.	Buffalo, P.	3	1	90	1	5	50	35	7	8	10	4	360		50
		Bethel, P.	6		145	1	4	65	30	7	2	7		282	335	25
Calvin N. Morrow, P.	Mebaneville, "	Hawfields, P.	2	2	143		2	150	30	20	20	21	10	350	277	123
	" "	Cross Roads, P.	2	2	125	2	1	100	13	13		6		350	2	20
C. Phillips, D. D., Prof.	Davidson Coll'ge, "															
C. H. Wiley, Agt. V. B. S.	Winston, "															
		Roxboro, V.														
		Geneva, V.			12											
Wm. B. Tidball, P.	Greensboro', "	Alamance, P.			160		7	159	22	9	4	2	2	366		25
		Ashboro, S. S.	1	1	31	1		40	4					75	65	7
		High Point, S. S.	1	5	46	1	2	32	10	4	7	3	3	75		6
L. C. Vass, P.	Newbern, "	Newbern, P.	2	1	76	3	13	77	411	135	106	107	51	1400	216	20
H. B. Pratt, F. M.	Socorro, S. A.															
E. H. Harding, S. S.	Milton, N. C.	Milton, S. S.	3		77		4	24	35	15	10	10	10	787	220	59
		Red House, V.		1	39		3	58		4	8		1			5
P. Tinsley Penick, P.	Mebaneville, "	Mebaneville, P.	13	3	40	9	1	85	30	125	1120	10	15	750	125	50
J. W. Primrose, Evan.	Manson, "															
Robt. Burwell, T.,	Raleigh, "	Louisburg, S. S.			12											
Chas. M. Payne, P.	Madison, "	Madison, P.	9		108	4	3	35	34	23	9	8	8	450	110	18
		Wentworth, P.		2	29		5	24	13	6	3	3	5	250	105	9
		Leakesville,	1	1	17	1			5	2	2	2	2	100	5	28
Jas. H. Fitzgerald, P.	Hillsboro', "	Hillsboro', P.	10	1	86	3	2	36	26	25	20	9	6	600	450	14
		Eno, S. S.	2		40	1		30	12	2	2	2		172		9
		Little River, S. S.			140		2	60	12		5	5		128		12
Wm. G. Baird, Evan.	Mount Airy, "	Mount Airy, D. M.	3	1	16			20	173		11				1100	
—25		Bethlehem, V.	6		46	5		20	11	6		8	2	220		
		Fairfields, V.			35			15	11	2						85
		Washington, P. E.	49	2	146	13	4	118	21	13	14	19	13	167	750	150
		New Hope, V.			63											
		Chapel Hill, V.			13											
		Spring Wood, S. S.			27		3		2	6					300	4
		Warrenton, V.														

			Murfreesboro', V.			19										
Candidates—11.			Speedwell, V. —51													
				169	63	2806	62	105	1866	$1523	$792	$2186	$463	$257	$13956	$5098	$1521
5. Pres. of Wilmington.																	
Duncan B. Black, S. S.	Burgaw,	N. C.	Hopewell, S. S.	1		105	1	2			5				150		15
			Pike, P.			35				4					75		8
			Rockfish, P.	1		78		2	35	15	7	15	1	6	200		10
			MountWilliams,S.S.						50	5			2		76		5
Hugh A. Monroe, S. S.	Whitehall,	"	Whiteville, S. S.			14											4
			White Plains, S. S.			60											
Colin Shaw, S. S.	BlackRiv'rChap.,	"	Keith, S. S.			30			25			19			81		
			Moore's Creek, S. S.			36		5	18		11	23			100	270	
James M. Sprunt, P.	Kenansville,	"	Grove, P.	4			3	4	48	5	5	6	5		100		44
			Union, P.	3			2	2		15	5	11	5	5	325		10
S. H. Isler, S. S.	Newport,	"	Catharine Lake,S.S.			8				2							
			Cobb's Mills, S. S.			16				4		5					
			Seminary, Evan.														
			Swansboro', Evan.							4		1					
			Newport, Evan.							3							
James Kelly, S. S.	Dalton,	"	Brown Marsh, S. S.	5		154		6	35	24							20
			Mount Horeb, S. S.		1	42				24	15	11	9		140	75	
N. Z. Graves, S. S.	Goldsboro',	"	Goldsboro', S. S.	6	1	54	4		44	8		3			322	71	13
			Mount Zion, S. S.			49				7		5		3			
A. McFayden, S. S.	Elizabethtown,	"	Beth Car, S. S.	32		56	10	3	35	10	11	21	8	10	330		13
			Elizabethtown, S.S.	3	1	13		1		7	4	6	3	3	200		6
			SouthRiv.Chap.S.S	1	1	48		4	18	34	10	167	9	13	300		12
Alex. Kirkland, S. S.	Teachey's,	"	Oak Plain, S. S.	4		46	2	9	50	6	2	2	2		111		10
			Spring Vale, S. S.			17				2		1					
			White Hall, Evan.	4	5	9	1	1	25	6		2					5
T. C. Johnson, S. S.	Clinton,	"	Clinton, S. S.	16	2	67	9	9		29	21	41		16	564		74
B. F. Marable,	"	"															
H. K. Burr,	Wilmington,	"															
—12			Black River Ch., V.	11		93		1	35	4	2	2	2	1			25
			2d Ch. Wilm'tn, P. E.						60								
			1st " " P. E.	1	3	169		21	180						2500	1500	1166

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			85	17	1212	32	73	709	$218	$98	$341	$49	$59	$5574	$1916	$1458
SYNOD OF S. CAROLINA.																
1. *Pres. of Bethel.*																
S. L. Watson, P.	Bethel, S. C.	Bethel, P.	8	2	320	2	20	125	22	38	142	15	13	400	2500	50
J. H. Saye, S. S.	Chestnut Grove, "	Fishing Creek, S.S.	3		69	1	4	45	7	17	40			274	120	12
		Cedar Shoal, S. S.	1	4	32	1	1	25	3	15	25			119		5
W. Banks, P.	Fort Mill, "	Unity, P.	26	4	108	4	9	80	37	22	71	10	14	593		
A. A. James, P.	Jonesville, "	Fair Forest, P.	9	2	76	2	1		13	18	25				375	
		Grindal Shoals, P.	2	1	26	1	2		12	8	10		1		250	
L. W. Curtis, W. C.	Canaan, 4 Cor's, N.Y.															
		Unionville, V.	4		21		30									
J. M. Anderson,	Davidson Col., N.C.	Carmel Hill, V.			12											
J. E. White, S. S.	Chester C. H., S. C.	Catholic, S. S.	5		120											
		Waxhaw, S. S.	6	7	60	1	2			20	54			400	7	42
D. Harrison, S. S.	Yorkville, "	Allison Creek, S. S.	1	2	70		7	40			40			225		
		Beth Shiloh, S. S.		2	65			40						135		
T. W. Erwin, P.	Winnsboro', "	Concord, P.	7	2	81	2	1							300		
		Mt. Olivet, P.	4		69	2	3							300		
Jas. Douglass, W. C.	Yorkville, "															
		Hopewell, V.			65											
H. R. Dickson, P.	Yorkville, "	Yorkville, P.	4	2	136	1	5	117	82	186	93	29	50	1100		
J. S. Bailey, S. S.	Unionville, "	Mt. Tabor, S. S.	29		55	20	2		3					60		
		Cane Creek, S. S.	4		23		3		1	6	10			85	60	
W. W. Ratchford, S. S.	McConnellsville, "	Olivet, S. S.	10	4	127	4	7		13	11	29		9	207		98
		Harmony, S. S.	4		72	2	1			10	17			117		35
		Shiloh, S. S.	2		24	1	2			10	11					

		Bullock's Creek, S.S	38		156	20	9			10	32			175		34		
J. L. Wilson, P.	McConnelsville, S.C.	Bethesda, P.	14		240	4	5	120	60	69			8	600	1400	138		
		Zion, P.	15	3	83	7	4	12										
R. E. Cooper, P.	Rock Hill, "	Ebenezer, P.			67			40	29	23	38	22	11	450		11		
		Rock Hill, P.			83			92	28	68	96	45	7	450				
Jas. H. Douglass, P.	Yorkville, "	Beersheba, P.			125													
A. F. Dickson, P. E.	Chester C. H., "	Purity, P. E.	17	12	132		12	91	165	120	120	33	42	1318	84	15		
J. W. Queery, P. E.	Lancasterville, "	Lancasterville, P.E.	2	6	55		2	31	5	3	122			236	916	7		
		Douglass, P. E.	3		41		2		2	8	80	4	5	400		7		
J. S. White, S. S.	Rock Hill, "	Pleasant Grove, S.S.	10	1	162	3	10	50	27	26	70			134	14	57		
John G. Hall, F. M. —20		Salem, V.	1		47	1	2		6	10	30			76				
		Six Mile Creek, V.			41		1				25			25				
		Ennoree, V.																
		Mizpah, V.																
		Tirzah, V.																
Licentiates—5.		—36																
R. D. Perry,																		
R. L. Miller,																		
C. R. Hemphill,																		
L. R. McCormick,																		
J. W. Spratt,																		
Candidates—5.			230	54	3288	39	122	930	$515	$498	$1180	$154	$160	$8179	$5726	$411		
2. *Pres. of Charleston.*																		
Geo. Howe, D. D., Prof.	Columbia, S. C.																	
Edward Palmer, W. C.	Barnwell C. H., "																	
Wm. States Lee, W. C.	Langley, "																	
J. L. Girardeau, D.D., P.	Charleston, "	Zion, Glebe St., P.	36	3	243	1	12	480	1827	390	722	101	50	3000	1289	179		
I. S. K. Legare, S. S.	Orangeburg, "	Beech Island, S. S.			35			15	12	4	15	14						
T. H. Legare, Ag. S.S.U.	" "																	
Chas. S. Vedder, P.	Charleston, "	Huguenot, P.																
Wm. H. Adams, P.	" "	Circular, P.																
J. D. A. Brown, Evan.	Orangeburg, "	Orangeburg, S. S.	1		53		1	27	33	82	39	40	40	641	229	69		
		Barnwell Ch., S. S.	1		26		1	25	10						12			
Gilbert R. Brackett, P.	Charleston, "	Second Presby., P.	7	5	200		7	240	310	455	1178	53	19	2000	1327	175		
F. L. Leeper, P.	" "	James' Island, P.	5	3	33	2	2			7	23	6	17	690	31	9		

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		John's I. & Wad'w, P.			23				6	3	30		5	324		54
J. R. Wilson, D.D., P.	Wilmington, N. C.															
John R. Dow, P.	Edisto Island, S. C.	Edisto Island, P.	3	3	57		3	18	12	15	15	15	12	1000	234	22
John H. Bryson, P.	Columbia, "	1st Presbyterian, P.	47	26	232	9	10	154	37	86	78	57	40	2000	598	602
J. B. Dunwody, *in trans.*	Beaufort, "	Harmony, S. S.			46											
—15		Stoney Creek, S. S.	1	1	13		2	6	60	10	5		5		22	11
		Wilton, S. S.	2		34		2		13							
		Aiken, S. S.	4	8	13		1									
Candidates—3.		Central, Charl'n, P.			87											
		McClellanville, S.S.			20	2	1									5
		Mt. Pleasant, S. S.			6											
		Summerville, S. S.			20											
		Walterboro', V.	3	1	34	1	9	36	23	18			10	200	20	20
		Colored:														
		Zion, Charleston,	18		455	2	9	200								
		Aimwell,	3		145	3	9									
		Hopewell,	2		36	2	3									
		Salem,														
		—22	132	50	1811	22	69	1201	$2343	$1070	$2105	$286	$198	$10243	$4112	$1146
3. *Pres. of Harmony.*																
Wm. Brearley, P.	Darlington, S. C.	Darlington, P.	7	2	73	1	4	25	12	60	10	7	10	800	61	90
Wm. M. Reid,	Mayesville, "	Midway, V.	3		105		7	21			15				15	11
J. L. Wilson, D. D., Sec.	" "												31	1127	329	
Donald McQueen, DD.P.	Sumter, "	Sumterville, P.	2	5	134		10	78	33	122	40	68				
S. H. Hay, P.	Camden, "	Camden, P.	7	1	101	2	4	65	42	37	83	38	47	1000	125	75
G. Morgan, D. D., S. S.	Sumter, "	Williamsburg, S. S.	5		83	2	2		7	30	14	22	11	250	9	61
J. A. Cousar, P.	Little Rock, "	Carolina, P.	34	4	130	8	6	40	10	20	52	8		281		
		Red Bluff, P.	6	1	35	1	2	37	10	20	20	9	6	195		5
J. G. Richards, P.	Liberty Hill, "	Liberty Hill, P.	6	1	48	3		30	5	2	30			340	15	5
James McDowell, P.	Manning, "	Manning, P.	6		110		5	45	10	76	20	11	10	331	12	

			Brewington, P.	7		36		7	15	7	24	15	8		144	5		
H. M. Brearley, S. S.	Little Rock,	S. C.	Kentyre, S. S.			74												
W. A. Gregg, P.	Bishopville,	"	Bishopville, P.	5	1	61	1		35	8	22	35	9	12	460		26	
			Hephzibah, P.	4		43		3	25	2	8	7	3	3	262		4	
D. McDuffie, S. S.	Little Rock,	"	Reedy Creek, S. S.	20	5	82	6	3	20	17	11	51	7			1100		
J. L. Bartlett, S. S.	Sumter,	"	Concord, S. S.			50												
			Lynchburg, S. S.			38												
J. E. Dunlop, P.	Marion,	"	Marion, P.			18			50	8	8	84			310	22	28	
			Florence, S. S.			47												
E. H. Buist, P.	Cheraw,	"	Cheraw, P.	4	7	76	1	5	63	17	37	104	20	7	1676		35	
W. S. Plumer, D. D., Prof.	Columbia,	"																
W. W. Mills, P.	Winnsboro',	"	Lebanon, P.	3		95		4	30	17	67	23	10	16	447	22	12	
			Salem, (L. R.) P.	1	2	100		9		13	19	16	10	10	227	644		
N. W. Edmunds, P.	Grovewood,	"	Aimwell, P.	4	3	59	3	6	20	14	50	33		4	181	165	8	
			Centre Point, P.	1		25		3	35	11	18	35	15	7	306	12	5	
H. C. DuBose,	Soochow,	China.																
			Little Pee Dee, V.	2		72		3	15									
W. T. Thompson, P.	Mars Bluff,	S. C.	Hopewell, P.	6	2	87	2	4	77	58	92	104	15	15	714	150	20	
A. R. Kennedy, P.	Kingstree,	"	Indiantown, P.	10	14	96		7	50	20	42	91	27	19	900	200	20	
R. Bradley, P.	Bishopville,	"	Pinetree, P.															
			Turkey Creek, P.			39			22	2	2	4	2	3	230	283	5	
C. E. Chichester, P.	Winnsboro',	"	Scion, P.	12	10	78		10	100	37	20	75	49	20	1167	182	60	
J. S. Cosby, P.	Mayesville,	"	Mt. Zion, P.	15	3	103	1	8	111	45	152	103	30	28	1200	900		
W. J. McKay, P.	"	"	Salem, (B. R.) P.	6	3	95		2	49	33	67	56	20	35	1000	20	85	
—25			Fair Hope, V.			13												
			Horeb, V.			50												
			Beulah, V.			34												
			Beaver Creek, S. S.	9	2	61		4	40	2	4	8			191	5	11	
			Pisgah, S. S.			68												
			Bennettsville, V.			33												
			Elon, V.			35												
			Kingston, V.	2		31	1	1	26			2				98	35	
			Union, V.			44												
			Great Pee Dee, V.			29					9			4			5	
Licentiates—4.			Hermon, V.															
R. Means DuBose,	Darlington,	"	—42															
Thomas R. English,	Mayesville,	"																

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J. Harry Hammet, C. C. Rankin, *Candidates*—8.	Manning, S. C. Greensboro', N. C.															
			187	66	2591	32	119	1124	$440	$1019	$1130	$388	$308	$13740	$4374	$601
4. *Pres. of S. Carolina.*																
J. L. Kennedy, P.	Williamston, S. C.	Williamston, S. S.			17			25	10		5			86	229	5
	Equality, "	Carmel, P.	6	9	123											10
	Belton, "	Belton, S. S.			20											
W. Carlisle, (inf.)	Anderson C. H., "															
J. B. Adger, D. D.	Columbia, "															
E. T. Buist, D. D., P.	Greenville, "	Washington St., P.	4	17	130	2	5	117	34	12	31	18	11	800	146	44
Wm. McWhorter, S. S.	Bachelor's Retr't, "															
	Fair Play, "	Nazareth,(B.D.)S.S.	4	1	36	2	5		10		12			103		
W. H. Davis, S. S.	Calhoun's Mill, "	Lodimont, S. S.			68											
J. F. Gibert, P.	Abbeville C. H., "	Lebanon, P.	1	4	61		4	30			18	7		185		18
		Bethia, S. S.														
Z. L. Holmes, S.S. & T.	Laurens C. H., "															
	Clinton, "	Duncan's Creek, S.S.														
	Martin's Depot, "	Little River, S. S.														
C. B. Stewart. P.	Fairview, "	Fairview, P.	17	6	170				10	20	20	20		620	54	97
John McLees, P.	Greenwood, "	Rock, P.		1	94		3	40	20	15	45	9	7	751		65
R. H. Reid, P.	Reidville, "	Nazareth, P.		5	157		3	473	66	12	6		12	761	200	30
E. F. Hyde, S. S.	Townville, "															
	Walhalla, "	Bethel, S. S.	3		35	1		20	2					50		
	Pickens' C. H., "	Pickens C. H., S. S.			21											
J.O.Lindsay, Ag.Th.Sy.	Due West, "															
R. A. Mickle, *in trans.*	Newberry C. H., "	Aveleigh, V.		3	65		5	38	62	17	216	10		800	101	20
Wm. F. Pearson, P.	Due West, "	Greenville, P.	10	1	136	3	7		12	12	12		6	400	60	119
	Ninety-Six, "	Ninety-Six, S. S.	1	2	25						24	13		425		23
	Abbeville C. H., "	Up.Long Cave, P.E.			120											
J.R.Riley, P.&Pr.L.F.C.	Laurens C. H., "	Laurens C. H., P.			118											

Hugh McLees, W. C.	Pendleton, S. C.																
W. P. Jacobs, P.	Clinton, "	Clinton, P.	20	1	100	12	8	100	12	16	45	2	4	750	75	156	
J. McKittrick, S. S.	" "	Bethany, S. S.			35												
	Martin's Depot, "	Shady Grove, S. S.			36												
T. H. Law, P.	Spartanb'g C.H., "	Spartanb'g C.H., P.	10	10	62	3	6	56	60	95	102	34	22	777	75	15	
L. K. Glasgow, W. C.	Newberry C.H., "																
Hugh Strong, P,	Cross Hill, "	Liberty Spring,		1	103		1	80	7	9	10	14	10	388	50	154	
A. P. Nicholson, P.	Laurens C. H., "	Rocky Spring, P.	9		164	4	3	86	33	2	20	2		277	23	16	
	" "	Friendship, P.		2	66			30	6	3	14	2	4	112		13	
	" "	Lisbon, P.	3	3	29	2			17	3	9	2	2	78	4	225	
J. L. Martin, P.	Abbeville C. H., "	Abbeville, P.	5	3	74	1	9	48	40	191	109	29	30	1200	112	1168	
D. E. Frierson, P.	Anderson C. H., "	Anderson C. H., P.	2	4	124		1	136	14	33	62	9	10	850	129	92	
	" "	Midway, P.			40		4		5	5	10		2			5	
J. S. Young, P.	Andersonville, "	Roberts, P.	2		98		1	30	30	10	10		5	321			
	Moffetsville, "	Good Hope, P.	5	2	100	3	4		5	10	5	5	2	400	2	25	
R. A. Fair,	Due West, "																
	Willington, "	Willington,	1		57			7	27	22	40		6	191			
	Storeville, "	Varennes,			66												
	Level Land, "	Little Mountain,			64												
	Honea Path, "	Honea Path,		3	21				3		8			110	1	25	
T. W. White, S. S. & T.	Reidville, "	Antioch, S. S.			23				11	1		1	1	110			
	" "	North Pacolet, S. S.			28												
	" "	Mt. Calvary, S. S.			29				2		5			75			
	" "	Mt. Tabor, S. S.			41				12	2	2						
T. C. Ligon, P.	Newberry C. H., "	Smyrna, P.	4	1	63	2	2	36	19	8	11	2	1	183	40	41	
	" "	Mt. Bethel, P.			18		1		13	7	17	3	5	90	26	5	
	" "	Gilder's Creek, P.			13				43	5	19	4	6	135	71	5	
J. F. Latimer, Prof.	Davidson Col., N. C.																
W. C. Smith, P. E.	Pendleton, S. C.	Hopewell,(Pen.)PE		2	56				22	15	25	3	5	526	49	12	
	Anderson C. H., "	Mt. Zion, S. S.			15		2				1	1		71		8	
	Power's Shop, "	New Harmony,			76												
	Lowndesville, "	Providence, V.			84				11	5	4	5			100	46	
	" "	Rocky River, V.			48												
	Walhalla, "	Yugalo,			19												
	Laurens C. H., "	Warrior's Creek,															
John G. Law, P.	Walhalla, "	Walhalla, P.	14	13	43	2	1	57	28	5	35	5		325	778	23	
—32	Abbeville C. H., "	Hopewell,	5		51	3	1	25	1	10	18			275		75	

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	Bachelor's Retr. S. C.	Retreat,	7	2	35											
	Walhalla, "	Richland,	18		66	7	1		9	7	15	1	5	120	18	5
	Cokesbury, "	Cokesbury,														
	Easley's Depot, "	George's Creek,														
Licentiates—6.	Clinton, "	—57														
J. R. Jacobs,	Spartanburg, "															
A. L. Miller,	Columbia, "															
J. H. Thornwell,	Moffettsville, "															
R. A. Reid,	Abbeville, "															
R. C. Ligon,	" "															
J. Y. Fair,																
Candidates—10.																
			151	86	3343	47	77	1434	$656	$552	$885	$201	$156	$12345	$2343	$2647
SYNOD OF TEXAS.																
1. *Pres. of Brazos.*																
J. W. Miller, D. D., P.	Brenham, Texas,	Prospect, P.	4		28	1	3	35	14	15	8	6		200	300	
	Washington, "	Washington, S. S.	3	2	12	2	1		6				1	75		
S. McKinney, D. D., W. C.	Huntsville, "															
R. F. Bunting, D. D., P.	Galveston, "	Galveston, P.	63	19	306	16	11	316	64	95	347	35	29	3800	12146	1003
John. J. Read, P.	Houston, "	Houston, P.	12	6	175	5	13	205	126	66	33	25	38	1800	2776	230
James Wilson, P.	Bryan, "															
	Centreville, "	Centreville, S. S.			15		1				4			100		
	Madisonville, "	Bethel, S. S.			26				4	5	8	4				
	Bryan, "	Brazos, S. S.			16		1	35		3	4	3				30
R. H. Byers, D. D., S. S.	Clear Creek Sta., "															
	Bryan, "	Wheelock, S. S.	1		33		2	26	10	11	13		10	350	10	7
	Chappel Hill, "	Chappel Hill, S. S.			17			38	2	8	6	2	2	250	3	3
	Brenham, "	Brenham, S. S.	2	9	18			39								
J. R. Hutchison, D. D., Ev.	Houston, "															
	Calvert, "	Calvert, S. S.			9					3						
S. M. Luckett, Pres.	Huntsville, "															
	" "	Huntsville, S. S.	1	1	40		1	45	20	27	14	16	16	320	139	40
J. M. Cochran, S. S.	Anderson, "															

	Navasota,	Texas,	Navasota, S. S.	3	1	34	1	1			5	71	3		250		7
	Hempstead,	"	Hempstead, S. S.	3		33			50	2	4	6	3	2	338		
S. Fraser, M. D., S. S.	Brazoria,	"	Columbia, S. S.	2	3	48	2		34	22	14	9		13	423	25	
W. H. Vernor, S. S.	Bryan,	"	Bryan, S. S.	7	2	48	1		50	6		4	3		300	471	20
	Waverly,	"	Waverly, S. S.	3		8	2	2	10	5	3			7	50		
W. A. Shaw, M. D., S. S.	Hempstead,	"															
—12	La Grange,	"	La Grange, V.			34											
	Wesley,	"	Galatia, V.	3		28		4			.					10	
	Round Top,	"	Round Top, V.			16											
	Bryan,	"	Concord, S. S.			21						8					
Candidates—2.			—21														
				107	43	965	30	40	883	$281	$259	$535	$100	$118	$8256	$15880	$1340
2. *Pres. of Cent. Texas.*																	
W. M. King, (inf.)	Waco,	Texas,															
J. M. McChord, W. C.	Cotton Gin,	"															
A. J. Loughridge, P.	Lexington,	"	Hugh Wilson, P.	4		61		6	25	27	17	17	6	7	475	20	21
Hillery Moseley, S. S.	Cotton Gin,	"	Oak Island, S. S.	13	11	123	2	8	50	30	16	41	17	12	700	39	36
	Corsicana,	"	Corsicana, S. S.		3	37		1	60						87	117	11
Samuel A. King, S. S.	Waco,	"	Waco, S. S.	1	13	88		6	80	10	15	10	23	75	1233	10	31
J. A. Smylie, S. S.	Milford,	"	Milford, S. S.	7	3	110	4	4	93	29	15	38	32	38	611		37
	Spring Hill,	"	Richland, S. S.	5	5	22	3	2	24	3	5	6	3	2	250		3
N. McDonald, S. S.	Rainey's Creek,	"	Unity, S. S.			27		2	30	9	3	9	12	6	294		9
	Clifton,	"	North Bosque, S. S.			7		2							100		
L. Tenney, S. S.	Carolina,	"	Carolina, S. S.	1		35	1	2		17	25	16	12	12	177		12
	Belton,	"	Belton, S. S.		4	19		1		18	9	2	6	4	85		6
	Mayesfield,	"	Mayesfield, S. S.			8					5	3			35		3
H. McDonald,	Austin,	"	Austin,	4	11	83	1		70			13			400	4600	23
M. C. Conoley,	McDade,	"	Bethel,			21							6				
J. A. Walker,	Alvarado,	"															
W. A. Smith, Agt.	Bastrop,	"															
W. M. Kilpatrick, *in trans*	Fort Worth,	"															
H. B. Rose, *in trans.*	Round Rock,	"															
—14	Georgetown,	"	Georgetown, S. S.			16				13			2				5
	Liberty Hill,	"	Pleasant Hill, S. S.			20				12							
	Kosse,	"	Blue Ridge, V.	3	5	40		2	25	10	5	5	5	5	214		7
	Birdston,	"	County Line, S. S.	5		45		1				2					14

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	Lancaster, Texas,	Lancaster, S. S.			16									15		
	Waxahatchie, "	Waxahatchie, P. E.		3	27				4					130		6
	Caldwell, "	Caldwell, V.			8				4					6		3
	Fort Worth, "	Fort Worth, S. S.			10											
Licentiate—1.		—21														
Candidate—1.																
			43	58	823	7	37	457	$186	$115	$162	$124	$161	$4947	$4786	$227
3. *Pres. of E. Texas.*																
R. E. Sherrill, S. S.	Sherman, Texas,	Sherman, S. S.	1	19	32		1	40	18	7		4		152	1000	12
	Mantua, "	Mantua, S. S.	1	7	19			20	8					63	400	
Jas. Knox, S. S.	Henderson, "	Henderson, S. S.	10	2	20	4										
		Harmony Hill, S. S.			30		7							100		
J. S. Moore, P.	Jefferson, "	Jefferson, P.	13	2	93	3	3	75	25	54	22	32	25	1585	281	
Jas. A. Mecklin, S. S.	Sulphur Springs, "	Sulphur Spr'gs, S. S.	5	3	23			25						40	339	12
	Riley Springs, "	Riley Springs, S. S.			45											
	Winnsboro', "	Winnsboro', S. S.			20											
W. N. Dickey, P.	Rusk, "	Rusk, P.	3		41	1	1							300	66	30
	Larissa, "	Larissa, S. S.			17											
	Rusk, "	Harmony, S. S.			19											
S. F. Tenney, P.	Crockett, "	Crockett, P.	4	5	69	2	5	73	10	11	10			760	715	60
B. D. Thomas, S. S.	Mt. Pleasant, "	Green Hill, S. S.	3		92	2	4	30	13					175		
	Hickory Hill, "	Hickory Hill, S. S.			17		2							60		3
	Boston, "	Boston, S. S.			42				8							8
A. P. Silliman, P.	Marshall, "	Marshall, P.	20	15	135	2	4	130	85	50	10	25	10	1200	200	25
		Golden Rule, S. S.	4		20				43	23				300		7
	Kilgore, "	Gum Spring, S. S.			48											
		Longview, P. E.			17											
	Palestine, "	Palestine, S. S.			64											
W. W. Brimm, S. S.	Tyler, "	Tyler, S. S.	5	8	37	1		25						430	1000	
	Troupe, "	Canton, V.			14											
	Zevala, "	Zevala, S. S.			8											

W.K.Marshall,D.D., S.S.	Paris, Texas,	Paris, S. S.	11	4	27			60								3	
C. M. Shepperson S. S.	Ben. Franklin, "	Honey Grove, S. S.		5	20												
	" "	North Sulphur, S.S.	4	1	21		7				5		70				
	Bonham, "	Bonham, S. S.			14												
	Paris, "	Rocky Ford, S. S.	3	4	19	2	3	5	5		2		42			5	
A. P. Smith, D. D., P.	Dallas, "	Dallas, P.	12	77	100		2	60	43		7	31		750	455	12	
J. D. Porter, *in trans.*	Augusta, "	Augusta, S. S.			8			48						80	3	10	
Wm. Mercer, "	Humboldt P.O., "	Fairview, S. S.			7												
		Pleasant Valley,S.S.			11												
		Science Hill, V.			45												
		Beaver Creek, V.															
T. H. Skidmore, W. C.	Dugansville, "	—34															
P. W. Warriner, (inf.)	Tyler, "																
John Anderson, (inf.)	Clarksville, "																
O. P. Starke, T.	Paris, "																
J. D. Sharp, W. C.	Kemp, "																
John Bell, *in trans.*																	
Licentiates—2. —20																	
J. H. Wiggins, P. E.	Longview, "																
P. H. Hensley, D. M.																	
Candidate—1.			99	152	1194	17	39	591	$258	$145	$56	$92	$35	$6107	$4459	$187	
5. Pres. of W. Texas.																	
W. E. Caldwell, P. E.	Corpus Christi,Tex.	Corpus Christi,P.E.	12	3	40	1	5	72	122	31	377		20	2000	555	85	
J. M. Connelly, S. S.	Hallettsville, "	Halletsville, S. S.			9			60									
	Weimer, "	Osage, S. S.	2		13	1	1	31	6	7				60	150	5	
	Hope, "	Abbeville, S. S.			8		2		3	5				75		10	
	Clinton, "	Clinton,															
		Live Oak, S. S.	1		23	1	1	90	4	6				40			
Wm. Hall, Evangelist,	Gonzales, "	Gonzales, V.	1		28			175	14					250	1200	10	
J. J. A. Johnson, S. S.	Victoria, "	Victoria, S. S.	1	2	58	1	3	61	50			15		320	5857	24	
W. W. C. Kelley, S. S.	San Marcos, "	San Marcos, S. S.			32			30									
	Lockhart, "	Lockhart, S. S.			30			50									
	Helena "	Helena, S. S.	1		13		4							42		5	
R. M. Loughridge, S. S.	Goliad, "	Goliad, S. S.	3	5	51		3	80	18	5	5	6	2	294	157	5	
	Daily, "	Escondido, S. S.		1	11		7							23		3	
		Hynes Bay, S. S.	2	4	18			21	15					125	6	3	

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John N. McCain, S. S.	St. Mary's, Texas,	St. Mary's, S. S.	4	2	16	2	6	40	6					125	3	5
	Lamar, "	Lamar, S. S.	1		23	1	1	7	5					125		5
		Marcellina, V.			3											
John W. Neil, P.	San Antonio, "	San Antonio, P.	6	9	90	1	6	112	43	27	25	17	8	1641	190	15
Thos. B. Neill, *in trans.*	Indianola, "	Indianola, V.	4	1	46		1	150	13	5				318	210	10
J. N. Schultz, S. S.	Brownsville, "	Brownsville, S. S.			16		8	89	40			12				
J. M. Wilson, T.	Seguin, "	Lavaca, V.			10											
J. K. Zively,	Austin, "															
--12	Seguin, "	Seguin, S. S.		2	19		1	25	20							52
		Concrete, V.			12									34	20	25
		Prairie Lea, V.			10											
		Belmont, V.			7											
		Big Hill, V.			7											
	Lavernia, "	Cibolo, S. S.	4	2	58	2	6	62	26	5	5					10
	Columbus, "	Columbus, V.			5											
	Oso, "	Oso, V.			7											
	Rockport, "	Rockport, V.			15											
	Navidad, "	Texana, V.			21		2		38					80		13
	--30															
			42	31	699	10	57	1134	$423	$91	$412	$50	$30	$5552	$8348	$285
SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.																
1. *Pres. of Abingdon.*																
B. Gildersleeve, (Inf.)	Tazewell C. H., Va.															
John H. Wallace, W. C.	Bristol, Tenn.															
S. D. Stuart, Ag. B. S.	Abingdon, Va.															
Thomas Brown, W. C.	" "															
J. M. Humphreys, W. C.	White Gate, "															
Wm. V. Wilson, P. E.	Max Meadows, "	Cove, P. E.	2	1	29				15		703			227		10
	" "	Anchor of Hope, P. E	3		13				12		296			105		8
Lee C. Brown, P.	Hillsville, "	Hillsville, P.		1	33		2	60						100		5
	" "	Bethesda, P.	3		44	3								51	35	3

	Nuckollsville,	Va.	Grayson, P.	9	7	16	3	3		6					48		
Jonathan Lyons, P.&S.S.	Tazewell C. H.	"	Jeffersonville, P.			45		3	40	7	8		5	8	250	83	7
	Knob,	"	Thompson's Val. S.S	6		40	3				6	22		7	175	21	
J. M. Kirkpatrick, P.&S.S	Newbern,	"	Newbern, P.	6	4	18	3				12		6		200		20
	Martin's,	"	Laurel Hill, P.			14		1		12	10		5		250	30	10
	Dublin,	"	New Dublin, S. S.			40									135		15
Isaac N. Naff, P.	"	"	Bell Spring, P.	18		57	11			5		5			130	160	20
	"	"	Dublin, P.	8	2	23	1	2			11	14			117	2000	
Alex. L. Hogshead, S. S.	Osceola,	"	Green Spring, S. S.	16		76	4	8		7	5	5	3		100	24	9
	Love's Mill,	"	North Fork, S. S.	3		13	2			2	5				15		
Jas. D. Thomas, P.	Wytheville,	"	Wytheville, P.	9	8	119		9	74	22	31	95		20	700	918	20
H. M. White, P. & S. S.	Glade Spring,	"	Glade Spring, P.	5	2	108		4	75	7	9	10	6		666	159	93
	Saltville,	"	Saltville, S. S.	1	1	10	1	1	75						100		
Edward H. Barnett, P.	Abingdon,	"	Sinking Spring, P.	2	10	131		11	127	15	20	10	11	5	1019	108	20
J. Calvin Smith, S. S.	Bland C. H.	"	Sharon, S. S.	3		20	3	1		3	3				120		3
	Mechanicsburg,	"	Kimberlin, S. S.	2	3	7		4		1	2				60		1
Uncas McCluer, S. S.	Chatham Hill,	"	Rich Valley, S. S.	9		65	3	2		4					458	697	20
Jas. C. Carson, S. S.	Osceola,	"	Rock Spring, S. S.	19	1	150	8	12	60	12	11	5	7	8	200	200	12
—17	Marion,	"	Royal Oak, V.		1	89		3	98	12		8					210
	Clear Branch,	"	Beaver Creek, V.	7	2	124		12	60	8	10	4	4	4	335	10	23
	Draper's Valley,	"	Draper's Valley, S.S.	3		63	2		56	10	24	10			117	49	
	Wallace's Switch,	"	Walnut Grove, V.		3	38						5		6	230	18	5
	Lebanon,	"	Lebanon, V.			7											
Candidates—8.	Rural Retreat,	"	Mount Airy, V.	4	1	25	1	5	30						160	50	15
			—28														
				138	47	1417	48	83	755	$160	$167	$1192	$47	$58	$6068	$4562	$529
2. Pres. of Chesapeake.																	
J. J. Bullock, D. D.,	Alexandria,	Va.															
			Alexandria 2d Ch. P.	13		258	2	8	530	392		514	137		2500	1973	87
Henry Branch, P.	Hamilton,	"	Catoctin, P.			61		4	52	22	22	66	19	30	800	80	42
A. W. Pitzer, P.	Washington,	D. C.	Central, P.	6	13	95		3	154	59	35	200	35	10	1500	1798	132
W. W. Reese, S. S.	Culpeper, C.H.,	Va	Culpeper, S. S.			10				10							
W. U. Murkland, P.	Baltimore,	Md.	Franklin Street, P.	29	26	519	3	10	708	2357	1673	2346	1213	421	3000	5324	968
J. A. Lefevre, D. D., P.	" "	"	Franklin Square, P.	12	22	232		11	235	294	342	367	216	50	2000	1553	260
R. B. White, D. D., P.	Gainesville,	Va.	Greenwich, P.	4		62	2	1	40	48	33	5	5	10	750	210	24
			Grove, V.			46		1		9	5	5	6				
H. E. C. Baskerville,	Laurel,	Md.	Laurel,	10	2	30	1	2	45	19	6	5	5	3	402	534	25

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J. F. Cannon, P.	Leesburg,	Va.	Leesburg, P.	4	4	74	1		30	8			5		844	159	70
			Litchfield, V.			19											
			Lovettsville, S. S.			20				11	2	3	2		18	47	
			Middleburg, V.														
C. N. Campbell, P.	Darnestown,	Md.	Poolesville, P.	3	3	31			25	40	19	6	6	7	262	150	6
			Rapidan, S. S.	1		21			10	5					247	256	4
			Rappahannock, V.			25											
E. H. Cumpston, P.	Rockville,	"	Rockville & Beth'a, P	2	2	176	1	4	60	64	33	80	23	31	664	5860	8
			Salem, V.	4	2	35	2			8	4	11	2	15	195	235	68
R. L. McMurran, S. S.	Sykesville,	"	Springfield, S. S.			38		2	40	43	15	25	16	7	525	250	15
J. G. Hamner, D. D., Ev.	Baltimore,	"	Warrenton, S. S.	4	3	57	2	9	30							250	
A. D. Pollock, (inf.)	Warrenton,	Va.	—20														
R. T. Berry, (inf.)	Alexandria,	"															
John Leyburn, D. D., P.	Baltimore,	Md.															
J. D. Mitchell, Ag.	Alexandria,	Va.															
S. B. Jones, D. D., S. S.	Bridgeton,	N. J.															
J. W. Brown, W. C.	Baltimore,	Md.															
Peyton Harrison, W. C.	"	"															
T. B. Balch, (inf.)	Nokesville,	Va.															
A. M. Hershey, D. M.	"	"															
R. S. Bell, W. C.	Washington,	"															
H. L. Singleton, Ed.	Baltimore,	Md.															
Geo. W. Leyburn, W. C.	Winchester,	Va.															
James H. Baird, T. —26	Baltimore,	Md.															
Licentiates—2.																	
W. J. Warden,																	
James Nichols,																	
Candidates—5.																	
				92	77	1809	14	55	1959	$3389	$2189	$3633	$1690	$584	$13707	$18679	$1709

3. *Pres. of E. Hanover.*																	
J. C. Stiles, D. D., Evan.	Richmond,	Va.															
Jno. S. Watt, (inf.)	"	"															
Theo. Pryor, D. D., P.	Nottoway C. H.	"	Nottoway, P.	3	7	118	1	7	48	79	47	46	70	26	618	558	84
Wm. Brown, D. D., Ed.	Richmond,	"															
J. D. Dudley, P.	Wilson's Depot,	"	Namozine, P.	1	2	32		5	16	6	10	11	20	10	212	10	5
G. D. Armstrong, D.D.P.	Norfolk,	"	Norfolk 1st Ch., P.	11	7	250	1	14	327	1249	261	510	212	83	2250	1219	88
Chas. H. Read, D. D., P.	Richmond,	"	Grace Street, P.	13	3	360	1		281	116	88	59	143	59	3000	5082	466
M. D. Hoge, D. D., P.	"	"	Richmond 2d Ch. P.	24	24	478	9	25	440	463	424	961	401	273	4500	21406	175
E. T. Baird, D. D., S'y Pub.	"	"	Ashland, S. S.	2		29		1	50	19	25	27	42	21	360	82	20
M. W. Staples, S'y Bib S.	"	"															
W. A. Campbell, S. S.	Manchester,	"	Manchester, S. S.	7	6	60	3	3	56	22	9	7	25	12	717	252	48
M. D. Kalopothakes, F. M.	Athens,	Greece.															
T. D. Witherspoon, DD. P.	Petersburg,	Va.	Tabb Street, P.	16	8	349	6	17	401	238	290	796	182	75	2015	3555	658
T. L. Preston, D. D., P.	Richmond,	"	Richmond 1st Ch. P.	13	19	462		15	550	314	183	96	820		3000	3192	334
James P. Smith, P.	Fredericksburg,	"	Fredericksburg, P.	11	5	194	1	14	187	225	340	200	111		1000	532	236
H. T. Darnall, P.	Amelia C. H.	"	Amelia, P.	2	1	77		9	20	31	29	20	7	22	451	469	22
Geo. L. Petrie, P.	Petersburg,	"	Petersburg 2d Ch. P.	14	1	164	4	11	202	74	182	53	56	25	1375	1534	25
J. B. Converse, Editor,	Louisville,	Ky.															
Wm. N. Scott, P.	Old Church,	Va.	Samuel Davies, P.	17	2	118	10	5	127	17	10	70	8		500	249	10
Neander M. Woods, P.	Norfolk,	"	Norfolk 2d Ch., P.	10	17	76	3	5	150	165	34	449	281		1250	4714	50
Henry M. Anderson, P.	Accomac C. H.	"	Holmes, P.	4		28	2			12		2	8		275		
			Makemie, S. S.	8		25				17	8		7	8	250		
John McA. Rose, P.	Portsmouth,	"	Portsmouth, P.	2		115		6	121	37	47	140	43	8	906	966	222
S. J. Baird, D. D., P.	Richmond,	"	Richmond 3d Ch. P.	7	11	94	2	9	125	17	8	12	37	1	1101	389	300
J. C. Painter, P. E.	Falmouth,	"	Hartwood, P. E.		2	60		1	30	12		15	13		175	15	5
J. W. Moseley, *in trans.*	Enon,	Miss.															
—25			Powhatan, V.			48		1		25					85		10
			Olivet, V.			28			24		11		5	5	113	8	32
			Bethany, V.	1	3	18		9	50						90		
			Brunswick, V.	6	1	86		2		8					5		
			Sussex, V.			22											
Licentiate—1.			Williamsburg, V.			21											
John D. Pinkerton,	Lynchburg,	Va.	—25														
Candidates—3.				172	119	3313	41	161	3205	$3145	$2006	$3474	$2481	$628	$24148	$44252	$2790

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4. *Pres. of Greenbrier.*																
M. L. Lacy, P.	Lewisburg, W. Va.	Lewisburg, P.			202		11	114	75	183	62	49	35	981	449	5
S. R. Houston, D.D., P.	Second Creek, "	Mt. Pleasant, P.	6	2	232	5	18	95	30	48	20	60	10	500	142	5
	Union. "	Union, P.			59			18	20	41	30	46	20	318	137	7
J. C. Barr, P.	Kanawha C. H., "	Charleston 1st, P.	16	3	212	4	14	374	229	57		60		1359	762	450
J. H. Leps, P.	Frankford, "	Frankford, P.	2	3	103			125	25	21	15	18	2	325	30	
	Falling Spring, "	Spring Creek, P.	1		43		5	35		11	2	5		200		
J. C. Brown, S. S.	Kanawha Salines, "	Kanawha Salines, SS	14	3	60	8	1	114	28	45	30	25	19	700	304	17
M. H. Bittinger, P.	Indian Creek, "	Centreville, P.	6	1	126	2	14	45	8	8	10	8	7	579	17	12
J. H. Lewis, P.	Palestine, "	Richland, P.	4	1	33	1	3	28	21	7	11	7	4	250	6	
		McElhenney, P.	4		39	2	4	20	2	2	2	3	3	125		
		Muddy Creek, P.		2	33			30	13	6	3	10	5	225	105	
Edward Eells, Evan.	St. Albans, "	Coalsmouth, S. S.	3	1	57	1	2	34	13	11	2	3	3	171	42	
	Jarrett's Ford, "	Elk, S. S.	16		43		16	90				1	3	93		
	Thorndike, "	Bethany, S. S.	8	5	29	2		30	2	2	1	2	2	100	6	
	Buffalo, "	Buffalo, P. E.		5	61		2	45	12	17		10		305	40	
	Arbuckle, "	Arbuckle, P. E.			38											
Wm. E. Hill, P.	Point Pleasant, "	Point Pleasant, P.	5	1	36	5	7	60	3	13	5	9	8	300	299	10
		Pleasant Flats, S. S.	2	1	19	1	3	25	2					54	4	
J. D. McClintock, P.	Huntington, "	Huntington 1st, P.	1	6	45		4	35	38	34	4	3		600	500	20
	Academy, "	Oak Grove, P. E.			38											
	Huntersville, "	Huntersville, S. S.	2	2	28		1	20	2	10	5	5	2	160	48	5
	Dunmore, "	Baxter, S. S.			12		3	20	2	3	5	5	2	109	6	2
	Green Bank, "	Liberty, S. S.			19		4		2		9	3	2	52		2
M. D. Dunlap, W. C., T.	Academy, "	Anthony's Creek, SS.			50											
G. T. Lyle, S. S.	Second Creek, "	Salem, S. S.		3	80		8		10	11	15		10	200	16	31
	Gap Mills, "	Carmel, S. S.			47											
James Haynes, Evan.	Cotton Hill, "	Gibeah, S. S.	5	1	45	1	11	50	36	47	18	20	5	146	8	10
P. M. Custer, W. C.	South Solon, O.															
—14	Raleigh C. H. W. Va.	Fayette, S. S.	2	5	55	1	3	25	8	6	2	3	2	64	3	2
	Nicholas C. H., "	Raleigh, S. S.	1		16				4	5	1	1	2	30	2	
		Summersville, V.			40											

Licentiate—1.		—30													
A. H. Hamilton, S. S.	Huntersville, W.Va.														
Candidates—2.															
			98	45	1900	33	134	1432	$585	$588	$252	$356	$146	$7946	$2926	$578
5. Pres. of Lexington.															
W. G. Campbell, W. C.	Harrisonburg, Va.														
S. Brown, W. C.	Millboro', "														
E. Thomas, W. C.	Craigsville, "														
J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., Pf	Lexington, "	Bensalem, S. S.	6	1	23							28		250		15
I.W. K. Handy, D. D., P.	Mt. Sidney, "	Augusta Ch., P.	3	7	117	1		51	55	32	59	24	20	900	664	107
P. Fletcher, P.	Churchville, "	Loch Willow, P.	15	1	107	3	8	40	15	46	8	16	5	420	58	32
R. Scott, D. M.	Beverly, W. Va.	Beverly, D. M.	4	2	51		1	54						168	1275	
	Huttonsville, "	Tygart's Valley, D.M.			74						10			180		3
	Philippi, "	Philippi, D. M.			28									100		
	Leading Creek, "	Leading Creek, D.M.			18											
W. T. Richardson, Prof.	Staunton, Va.															
D. B. Ewing, D. D.	Swoope's Depot, "	Hebron, P.	1	3	99	1	2	40	28	40	25	5	20	248	20	13
S. W. Watkins, D. M.	Cross Keys, "	Massannutton, D.M.	1		31			80	11	10	7	9		287	17	21
W. Pinkerton, P.	Steele's Tavern, "	Mt. Carmel, P.	2	1	132	1	5	50	20	20	13	43		600	73	12
J. W. Pratt, D. D., P.	Lexington, "	Lexington, P.	11	6	327	2	6	411	87	419	521	64		2000	2500	217
D. C. Irwin, S. S.	Rockb'dg Baths, "	Bethesda, S. S.	3		58	1	1	80	17	3	58	18	5	291	58	14
	Timberridge, "	Timberridge, S. S.	3	3	70		3	80	11	8	25	16	6	493	23	6
J. R. Bowman, P.	Harrisonburg, "	Harrisonburg, P.	7	7	157	1	5	76	49	12	26	58	20	1000	450	42
W. E. Baker, P.	Staunton, "	Staunton, P.	20	25	236	4	21	325	186	179	314	195	29	1500	4360	254
E. D. Junkin, P.	Brownsburg, "	New Providence, P.	30		367	9	8	340	171	212	71	170	41	1174	258	35
C. S. M. See, P.	Monterey, "	Pisgah, P.	34	4	84	3				15				200	1100	2
	New Hampden, "	Crab Bottom, P.			28			40		10				250	12	2
James A. Waddel, Prof.	Lexington, "															
R. C. Walker, P.	Parnassus, "	Union, P.	4		92	1	3	69	5	13	7	10	10	300	67	68
D. A. Penick, P. E.	Kerr's Creek, "	New Monm'th, P.E.		1	108			75	36	51	50	23		375		200
	" "	Kerr's Creek, S. S.	10	7	35	4	1									
W. T. Price, P.	Mt. Clinton, "	Cook's Creek, P.	7		129	5	14	50	76	8	24	4	9	400	293	127
J. Murray, P.	Greenville, "	Bethel, P.	9	3	147	3	11	50	53	52	40	73	30	700	231	104
G. H. Denny, P.	Mt. Meridian, "	Mt. Horeb, P.	10		93	5	7	50	8	6	8	4	3	600	98	8
H. Gilmore, S. S.	Middlebrook, "	Shemariah, S. S.	3		50	1	5	35	7	21	5	17	7	350	35	6
M. H. Houston, F. M.	Hanchow, China.															

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J. H. H. Winfree, P.	Williamsville, Va.	Williamsville, P.	2		80			60	14	28	13	25	4	290	6	5
	Deerfield, "	Rocky Spring, P.	2		59		1	45	10	12	8	7	7	235	12	8
G. B. Strickler, P.	Fishersville, "	Tinkling Spring, P.	32	5	224	8	7	207	436	129	2765	137	57	1000	261	23
E. T. Hoge, P.	Oak Dale, "	Oxford, P.	2		76			75	10		7			400	85	
A. Jones, P.	Collierstown, "	Collierstown, P.	1	2	109		3	250	18	10	13	18	7	504	191	24
G. L. Brown, P.	Bath C. H. "	Warm Springs, P.	3		40	2	2	50	21	38	13	15	15	175	21	22
	Millboro, "	Windy Cove, P.	4	6	68	1	8	45	19	12	4	12	10	325	24	30
J. W. Rosebro, P. —31	Mossy Creek, "	Mossy Creek, P.	12	3	147	7	3	80	47	21	25	21	28	720	1000	26
Licentiates—7.																
F. M. Swoope, S. S.	Mingo Flats, W. Va.	Mingo Flats, S. S.			31			30						75		
G. L. Cook,	Staunton, Va.															
Frank McCutchen, P. E.	Waynesboro, "	Waynesboro, P. E.	8	7	95	4		60		5				397	647	
A. F. Laird, P. E.	Letcher, "	Greenwood, P. E.	3	2	28				7	9				250	36	
		Mount'n Grove, P. E.			7											
R. H. Fleming, P. E.	Franklin, W. Va.	Pendleton, P. E.	1		38		1		5	5				210		
Frank W. Lewis,																
D. L. Wilson,	Broadway, Va.	Broadway, V.		1	32		1	43	7							
	Wilsonville, "	Stony Run, V.	3		24				4							10
	Spruce Hill, "	Rehoboth, V.	4	10	14									125		3
	Goshen Bridge, "	Lebanon, V.	23	12	137	1	14	125	45	36	19	41	30	699	1452	37
	Fairfield, "	Fairfield, V.	5	5	84		5	72		13	6	8	4	276	36	8
	McDowell, "	McDowell, V.	50	1	91	12		175		4	4	7		318		11
		—44														
Candidates—5.																
			338	125	4145	80	146	3313	$1478	$1480	$4147	$1068	$367	$18785	$15363	$1495
6. *Pres. of Montgomery.*																
John D. Ewing, W. C.	Fancy Hill, Va.															
Andrew Hart, P.	Buchanan, "	Buchanan, P.			26											
J. G. Shepperson, D.D.P.	Liberty, "	Liberty, P.		2	51	1	3	30	14	7	8	4		458	108	
James M. Rice, P.	Covington, "	Covington, P.	4	2	61	2		42	5	5	10	15	10	400	447	140
	Jackson's River, "	Oakland, P.														

Charles A. Miller, P.	Christiansburg, Va.	White House, P.			17		4	49		4			3	3	158		2
T. W. Hooper, P.	Lynchburg, "	Lynchburg 2d, P.	8	8	183	5	3	95	28		125				1500	1604	70
W. F. Wilhelm, P.	Blacksburg, "	Blacksburg, P.	2	2	71	1		40	26	25	18	7	12		469	227	8
D. W. Shanks, P.	Fancy Hill, "	Falling Spring, P.	17	5	205	1	7	96	73	83	61	73	16		1071	317	38
P. B. Price, P.	Natural Bridge, "	High Bridge, P.	6	2	109	5	3	60	27	20	32	15			380	325	7
W. W. Houston, P.	Salem, "	Salem, P.	8	1	166	3	6	106	63	216	141	33	37		1015	130	18
R. McIlwaine, Sec. & Tr.	Columbia, S. C.																
B. W. Moseley, P.	New London, Va.	New London, P.	14	2	74	7	6	40	28	12	10	3	6		500	40	25
Daniel Blain, P.	Christiansburg, "	Christiansburg, P.	5	2	144	3	8		104	82	86	70	48		1200	341	55
Roger Martin, P.	Thaxton's, "	Peaks, P.	6	2	138	3	14	158	12	29	9	11	13		485	61	17
John K. Harris, S. S.	Jacksonville, "	Jacksonville, S. S.	7		22	3		60	8	7	9	22			200		10
William T. Hall, P.	Lynchburg, "	Lynchburg 1st, P.	12	15	239	6	11	320	229	216	709	88	36		2000	765	133
R. R. Houston, P. E.	Fincastle, "	Fincastle, P. E.			60			50		33	29	45			750	870	
	Amsterdam, "	Mountain Union, SS.			59												
A. C. Stuart, S. S.	Locust Bottom, "	Locust Bottom, S.S.			63												
A. T. Graybill, F. M. —19	Brownsville, Texas,																
	New Castle, Va.	New Castle, V.			25												
	Saltpetre Cave, "	Mt. Carmel, S. S.			24												
	Pearisburg, "	Pearisburg, V.			37												
	Big Lick, "	Big Lick, S. S.			20												
	Princeton, W. Va.	Princeton, S. S.			22												
	Callaway's Va.	Piedmont, S. S.			34												
	Fancy Hill, "	Glenwood, S. S.			5												
	Lusville, "	Lusville, S. S.			25			15		6	3				150	7	5
		Castle Craig, —27			7												
Licentiates—4.																	
T. M. McCorkle,	Lynchburg, "																
Joseph A. Graves.	Callaway's, "																
L. W. Currie,	Princeton, W. Va.																
Hugh Henry,	Salem, Va.																
Candidates—6.																	
			89	43	1887	40	65	1161	$617	$745	$1240	$379	$181	$10736	$5242	$528	
2. *Pres. of Roanoke.*																	
Isaac Cochran, (inf.)	Pamplin's Dep., Va.																
M. W. Jackson, (inf.)	Rough Creek, "																
T. E. Peck, D.D. Prof.	Hampd'n Sidney, "																
H. C. Alexander, D.D. "	" "																

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F. N. Whaley, P.	Clarksville, Va.	Clarksville, P.	21	1	75	3	4	70	32	21		49	11	292	110	
	Boydton, "	Boydton, S. S.		3	17		3	36	22	15	35	10	10	285	25	30
Hugh A. Brown, P.	Mossingford, "	Bethesda, P.			70		1	20	48	30	18	16	12	466	31	20
Thomas Wharey, P.	Keysville, "	Briery, P.	9	6	142	1	1		32	17	6	15	6	1000	10	25
C. R. Vaughan, Prof.	Bristol, Tenn.															
John H. Davis, P. E.	Black Walnut, Va.	Spring Hill, P. E.	9		59	1	9	35	19	48	45	29	15	488	236	50
	Mt. Carmel, "	Mt. Carmel, S. S.	3	2	19	2	2		10	7				150		4
	South Boston, "	Halifax C. H., S. S.			45					6			3			
Alex. Martin, D. D., P.	Danville, "	Danville, P.	7	8	151	1	10	111	118	44	14	50	26	1550	1864	123
Wm. H. Matthews, P.	Pittsylvania C.H. "	Pittsylvania C.H.P.	1		62			40	16	11	10	19	7	225	336	38
	Cascade, "	Cascade, S. S.	4	4	20	2	5		18	4	7	8		152		2
R. C. Anderson, S. S.	Martinsville, "	Henry, S. S.	2		26	2			3	2	2	1		70		1
A. B. Carrington, P.	Aspinwall, "	Hat Creek, P.	3		181	2		50	8	10	7	5	5	300		6
	Rough Creek, "	Rough Creek, S. S.	1	2	35	1		12	1		2	9	1	150		8
G. H. Gilmer,	Draper's Valley, "															
Wm. R. Atkinson, P.	Charlotte C. H. "	Village, P.	2	3	96			30	138	119		4	17	942	94	134
John S. Watkins, P.	Aspinwall, "	Roanoke, P.	3	1	33	1	1	25	32	24	18		30	650	138	
	Mossingford, "	Cub Creek, S. S.	3	1	21		1		2	3		2		150		5
	Mt. Laurel, "	Providence, V.			13				6	5	2	2	3	55	1	3
	Pamplin's Depot, "	Concord, V.		2	78		2	25	16	9	6	6	4	200		8
	Charlotte C. H., "	Bethlehem, V.	3	1	78	1	4	35	22	13	6	7	11	275	2	10
	Darlingt'nHeights"	Buffalo, V.	3		59	1	2		13	13	10	13	10	164	1	35
	Spout Spring, "	Old Concord, P. E.		1	62		2	45	13	10	5	10	8	238		26
	Concord Depot, "	New Concord, P. E.			69		3	75	11	9	4	8		173	40	6
	Mt. Zion, "	Diamond Hill, S. S.	1		16	1			4	5			4	87		2
Thomas Drew, P. E.	Chase City, "	Chase City, P. E.	3	24	60	1		80	19			6		327	24	5
	Oakley, "	Bluestone, P. E.			52				10		4			150		
	Wylliesburg, "	Wylliesburg, S. S.			16				8	2	3		4	100		
	Yatesville, "	Meherrin, S. S.			15											
	Blacks & Whites, "	Lunenburg, V.			20				7							
	Whitlock, "	Mercy Seat, V.			44				7	10			6			
	Palmer's Spring, "	Penuel, V.			2				5		4	5				

H. R. Laird, —18	Buffalo, W. Va.	—30														
Licentiate—1.																
John H. Hannah, P. E.	Concord Depot, Va.															
Candidates—6.																
			74	59	1536	20	50	689	$640	$435	$208	$274	$193	$8639	$2912	$541
8. *Pres. of Sao Paulo.*																
G. Nash Morton, F. M.	Campinas, Brazil,	Campinas,			29											
Edward Lane, F. M.	" "															
James R. Baird,	Sao Paulo, "	Hopewell,			13											
W. C. Emerson, —2	" "															
Wm. Le Conte, F. M. —5																
					42											
9. *Pres. of W. Hanover.*																
Benj. M. Smith, D.D., Pf.	Hampden Sid'y, Va.	College, V.	26	2	169	6		65	86	40	15	40	19	600	205	20
R. L. Dabney, D. D., Pf.	" " "															
Wm. S. Thompson, P.	New Canton, "	Trinity, P.	3	1	60	1		25	52	30	49	53	17	440	150	26
J. M. P. Atkinson, D.D., P.	Hampden Sid'y, "	Appomattox, P.	3		40	1	6	40	31		5	5			8	
Benj. M. Wailes, P.	Nelly's Ford, "	Rockfish, P.	4		44	4	2	46	26	23	16	15	14	272	26	9
	Covesville, "	Cove, P.	1	3	54				60	29	20	15		400	27	45
Edgar Woods, P.	Charlottesville, "	Charlottesville, P.	2	10	178	1		95	269	258	73	49	65	1150	1250	66
H. P. R. McCoy, P.	Gum Spring, "	Providence, P.			35		2	11	20	4	3	3	5	144		
James M. Wharey, P.	Farmville, "	Cumberland, P.	12		109	1	4		50	27		47		427	73	
David Teese, S. S.	Harris's Creek, "	Amherst, S. S.	1	11	73	1	5		12	12	8	6	8		5	
L. B. Johnston, P.	Sabot Island, "	Hebron, P.		2	16		1		4	3	2	4	4	300	97	
	Goochland C. H., "	Byrd, P.			16		2	30	7	3	3	4		325	5	
John C. Dinwiddie, P.	Gordonsville, "	Gordonsville, P.	3		44		3	33	8	11	6	3	8	330	132	17
	Orange C. H., "	Orange, P.	2	1	25	1	1	25	13	7	4	9	5	400	2332	21
H. H. Hawes, P.	Farmville, "	Farmville, P.	23	6	132	4	15	90	47	28	66	43	15	1200	2500	100
T. D. Bell, Evan.	Scottsville, "	Scottsville, V.	3	2	63	1	2	24	15	17	24	7		240	143	12
James M. Rawlings, P.	Appomattox C.H. "	Appomattox C.H., P	11	3	56	8	3		38	4	28			231		
	Charlottesville, "	Bethel, V.			20				10		3	4		300	4	
	Greenwood Dep't "	Lebanon, V.	3		62	2		25	12	7		3	3	44	36	8
	Madison C. H., "	Madison, V.			21											
	Buckingham C.H. "	Maysville, V.			52			49	8	7	5	5		97	5	7

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	New Store, Va.	New Store, V.			25			35	13	4	2	16		108		
	Keswick, "	South Plains, V.			22			35	4	4	12	9	2	250	5	
	Cumberland C H. "	Willis's, V.			60											
T. S. Witherow,	Orlando, "	—23														
—15																
Licentiates—2.																
John B. Morton,																
Cornelius Miller,																
Candidates—4.			97	41	1376	31	46	628	$785	$518	$344	$310	$165	$7258	$7003	$331
10. *Pres. of Winchester.*																
D. H. Riddle, D. D., P.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Martinsburg, P.	3	12	121	2	3	80	22		22	11	17	1000	412	10
Moses Raymond, W. C.	Green Spr. Dep. "															
		Front Royal, V.			27		1		9						70	
Silas Billings, S. S.	Winchester, Va.	Cedar Creek, S. S.		1	22				5				4			
W. B. Dutton, D.D. W.C.	Charlestown, W. Va.															
		Harper's Ferry, V.	2		15	2		60	8	6	2		6	175		75
N. G. North, W. C.																
		Smithfield, V.			21				5							
John A. Scott, P.	Duffields, "	Elk Branch, P.	3	2	85	1	6	70	14	6	12	6	8	600	60	20
		Oakland, S. S.	4		44		3	50						400	135	63
James R. Graham, P.	Winchester, Va.	Kent Street, P.	2	3	140	1	7	110	55	60	94	23	28	712	220	100
		Newtown, S. S.	3		22	1	3		5	3	3	3	2	100	20	20
Charles White, P.	Berryville, "	Berryville, P.	3	5	47	1	3	10	11	17	23	6	4	224	56	18
		White Post, S. S.		1	14			40	24	15	10	6	8	205	52	10
John Johnston, S. S.	Luney's Cr'k, W. Va.	Mt. Zion, S. S.	1		38		4	50	15	8	13		5		25	
M. W. Woodworth, S. S.	Burlington, "	Patterson's Cr'k, S. S.	6	4	74	2	6	50	20	11	10	25	8	419		13
Geo. Wm. White, P.	Moorefield, "	Moorefield, P.	1	2	143		17	80	50	75	200	71	25	860	371	71
Wm. A. Crawford. S. S.	Winchester, Va.	Opequon, S. S.	2		14		2	20	33	21	33	11	11	300	120	25
John M. Clymer, P.	New Creek, W. Va.	Mt. Hope, P.	8	3	30	2	1	38	16	6	10	11	8	231	40	25
		Piedmont, P.	6	7	60	1	5	40	20	7		10	12	439	400	30
Abner C. Hopkins, P.	Charlestown, "	Charlestown, P.	16	5	190	4	21	70	139	278	39	71	33	1185	457	37

Henry C. Brown, S. S.	Shep'dstown, W. Va.	Shepherdstown, S.S.	3		85	1	1	41	5	5	5	12		329	474		
		Kearneysville, S. S.	4		20			45	3		5	2		154	20	20	
George L. Leyburn, P.	Winchester, Va.	Loudoun Street, P.	15	2	200	4	6	230	113	100	145	48	30	1000	1313	100	
Joseph W. Walkup, S.S.	Capon Br'ge, W. Va.	Mt. Bethel, S. S.			27			80	20	10	10	7	10	115		7	
		North River, S. S.	4	5	23	1	.		10	5				85			
		Bloomery, S. S.	1		18	1		50	16	6	1			100			
George W. Finley, P.	Romney, "	Romney, P.	2		127	1	6	80	106	99	186	76	32	800	103	104	
		Springfield, P.	6	1	54		3	58	37	21	32	21	6	237	19	6	
Thomas E. Converse, P.	Woodstock, Va.	Woodstock, P.	3	2	89	2	15	58	23	25	11		14	550	572	146	
		Strasburg, P.	4	2	79	2	2	78	25	20	10	15	10	350	160	76	
Edwin L. Wilson, P.	Gerardstown, W. Va.	Gerardstown, P.	8	2	93		5	142		14	15				100	15	
William W. Downey, P.	Hedgesville, "	Falling Water, P.	5	2	97		5	40	42	21	19			690	1268	50	
—21		Tuscarora, S. S.		2	32		1			10							
		Bunker Hill, V.			6												
		Hancock, V.	2	4	64		6	63	4	6			5				
Licentiates—5.		Berkley Springs, V.		6	6												
John M. Harris,	Romney, "	—34															
William Johnston,	Cumberland, Md.																
John A. Scott, Jr.	Duffields, W. Va.																
Carson W. Hollis,	Piedmont, "																
John E. Triplett,	Hamp. Sidney, Va.																
Candidates—4.																	
			117	73	2127	29	132	1733	$864	$855	$908	$435	$286	$11260	$6467	$1041	

SUMMARY VIEW OF PRESBYTERIES.

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Licentiates	Candidates	Churches.	Com. on Examina.	Com. on Certificate.	Total of Communi.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Children in Sab. S. and Bib. Classes	Sustenta. & Presbyterial Missions	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publicat'n	Invalid Fund.	Pastors' Salaries.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	Stated Clerks.
East Alabama.....	14	1	4	36	209	68	2402	86	104	1431	$690	$375	$789	$107	$128	$8527	$2746	$1185	F. B. Webb.
South Alabama..	19	1	8	50	139	95	2841	45	92	1303	1223	995	1062	418	216	19367	10876	1199	H. R. Raymond.
Tuskaloosa	13		1	24	120	50	1259	37	43	852	314	382	464	228	189	8469	1159	498	C. A. Stillman.
Arkansas	13	3	4	34	113	88	1170	38	69	812	943	193	1551	261	83	7748	3443	1141	T. R. Welch.
Indian	7	1		20			973												
Ouachita	15	1	2	24	48	41	1244	15	55	563	123	153	136	129	57	5433	3121	415	M. J. Wallace.
Atlanta.....	18		4	32	219	134	2071	56	98	1634	1453	605	442	162	77	13160	5873	2546	J. Stacy.
Augusta.....	17	4	3	37	80	89	1900	20	94	613	881	701	2113	341	316	10416	5871	1583	C. W. Lane.
Cherokee	19	2	2	34	136	73	1451	35	60	766	1143	426	435	208	168	8118	8290	539	J. W. Baker.
Florida.....	15	1	1	23	108	26	1083	19	66	654	338	178	91	62	80	6357	2030	352	F. Jacobs.
Macon	9	2	1	19	48	37	986	8	35	630	666	276	537	89	166	7374	2817	832	A. W. Clisby.
Savannah	12	1		18	69	42	670	11	40	724	176	155	182	91			13470		R. Q. Way.
Central Ohio.....	6		1	8	6		180	1	7	47	16	39	13	5	5	707	30	30	R. Morrison.
Ebenezer.....	13	2	2	23	118	29	1567	62	24	1130	805	420	393	130	102	13625	3410	653	H. M. Scudder.
Hangchow.....																			
Louisville.....	31	1	3	31	110	62	2166	37	65	1607	2663	2027	2591	130	53	15409	26145	1869	P. P. Flournoy.
Muhlenburg.....	7			14	18	8	601	5	17	264	290	100	2835	65		2853	1496	497	W. W. Duncan.
Paducah.....	4			10	72	14	723	17	35	553	815	326	293	317	322	5092	2746	255	J. T. Hendrick.
Transylvania	13	2	2	23	57	28	1458	20	24	614	207	191	178	50		5025	5700	10395	Wm. Crow.
West Lexington..	14		1	26	227	38	1543	125	77	663	434	807	329	306	320	12470	3724	1754	F. G. Strahan.
Chickasaw.....	15	1	3	27	50	38	1082	27	73	515	313	83	100	59	38	3383	2023	90	Wm. A. Gray.
Memphis.....	24		7	32	137	94	2338	41	131	1178	1185	906	1207	523	494	16803	18783	1176	R. R. Evans.
North Mississippi	16		3	32	76	37	1328	29	46	528	892	102	209	46	38	6797	5370	330	E. C. Davidson.
Tuscumbia	7		1	10	24	20	350	6	19	319	109	40	30	35	38	2889	845	300	J. B. Lorance.
Western District.	9	1	3	28	56	45	1136	29	45	550	266	140	383	62	51	5134	3310	153	E. S. Campbell.
Cent. Mississippi.	19		4	45	98	84	2098	20	67	1119	1062	182	265	154	486	14143	4404	1103	C. M. Atkinson.
Louisiana	7			13	32	12	583		12	127	98	83	22	46	4	1035		104	M. B. Shaw.
Mississippi.....	15		2	23	44	35	1137	15	42	370	194	247	309	49	140	5845	2644	805	G. S. Roudebush.
New Orleans.....	13		1	16	175	59	2009	32	189	3283	4038	1144	2460	754	474		36359	5178	Wm. Flinn.

Red River	7			19	52	49	691	16	32	357	29		10	10		4923	7436	171	C. Harrington.
Tombeckbee	12	1	1	45	74	58	1643	19	41	577	498	213	231	60	56	7248	1435	546	J. N. Carothers.
Lafayette	17	1		36															J. M. Chaney.
Missouri	7	1		21	269	64	1611	31	41	718	133	25	1				7399	1515	J. F. Cowan.
Palmyra	10	1		28			1238												M. G. Gorin.
Potosi	6	1	1	17	69	8	696	21	33	330	205	11	116				4401	175	G. W. Harlan.
St. Louis	18	1	2	27															Thos. C. Smith.
Upper Missouri	9		1	12															W. C. McPheeters.
Holston	13	5	10	32	127	54	1956	43	83	547	215	261	701	35	21	3881	2366	366	J. A. Wallace.
Knoxville	7		5	24	161	50	1160	45	53	969	305	259	249	70	70	5728	519	1579	James Park.
Nashville	22		6	32	239	168	2653	94	117	2886	10535	1362	3605	594	714	20477	19559	5093	J. W. Hoyte.
North Alabama	17	1	2	27	69	33	1785	23	36	986	527	278	399	168	85	9925	3346	924	C. F. Williams.
Concord	16	5	6	34	341	145	3453	53	208	1670	921	724	1221	416	313	7915	8393	533	Wm. W. Pharr.
Fayetteville	19	1	7	48	442	78	4573	159	192	1495	436	358	462	406	188	10065	933	907	J. P. McPherson.
Mecklenburg	22	1	8	43	237	127	3409	43	174	1711	2339	569	436	240	336	10367	291	3445	R. Z. Johnston.
Orange	25		11	51	169	63	2806	62	105	1866	1523	792	2186	463	257	13956	5098	1521	Jacob Doll.
Wilmington	12	4	3	30	85	17	1212	32	73	709	218	98	341	49	59	5574	1916	1458	J. M. Sprunt.
Bethel	20	5	5	36	230	54	3288	39	122	930	515	498	1180	154	160	8179	5756	411	D. Harrison.
Charleston	15		3	22	132	50	1811	22	69	1201	2343	1070	2105	286	198	10243	4112	1146	Wm. H. Adams.
Harmony	25	4	8	42	187	66	2591	32	119	1124	440	1019	1130	388	308	13740	4374	601	W. A. Gregg.
South Carolina	32	6	10	57	151	86	3343	47	77	1434	656	552	885	201	156	12345	2343	2647	Robt. A. Mickle.
Brazos	12		2	21	107	43	965	30	40	883	281	259	535	100	118	8256	15880	1340	R. F. Bunting.
Central Texas	14	1	1	21	43	58	823	7	37	457	186	115	162	124	161	4947	4786	227	L. Tenney.
Eastern Texas	20	2	1	34	99	152	1194	17	39	591	258	145	56	92	35	6107	4459	187	S. F. Tenney.
Western Texas	12			30	42	31	699	10	57	1134	423	91	412	50	30	5552	8348	285	R. M. Loughridge.
Abingdon	17		8	28	138	47	1417	48	83	755	160	167	1192	47	58	6068	4562	529	E. H. Barnett.
Chesapeake	26	2	5	20	92	77	1809	14	55	1959	3389	2189	3633	1690	584	13707	18679	1709	A. W. Pitzer.
East Hanover	25	1	3	25	172	119	3313	41	161	3205	3145	2006	3494	2481	628	24148	44252	2790	W. A. Campbell.
Greenbrier	14	1	2	30	98	45	1900	33	134	1432	585	588	252	356	146	7946	2926	578	M. L. Lacy.
Lexington	31	7	5	44	338	125	4145	80	146	3313	1478	1480	4147	1068	367	18785	15363	1495	R. C. Walker.
Montgomery	19	4	6	27	89	43	1887	40	65	1161	617	745	1240	379	181	10736	5242	528	T. W. Hooper.
Roanoke	18	1	6	30	74	59	1536	20	50	689	640	435	208	274	193	8639	2912	541	Hugh A. Brown.
Sao Paulo	5			2			42												E. Lane.
West Hanover	15	2	4	23	97	41	1376	31	46	628	785	518	344	340	165	7258	7003	331	E. Woods.
Winchester	21	5	4	34	117	73	2127	29	132	1733	864	855	908	435	286	11260	6467	1041	J. R. Graham.
64 Presbyteries.	968	88	199	1764	7129	3429	105956	2017	4249	60293	$55986	$28958	$51360	$15803	$9918	$484164	$396641	$68631	

A GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS, FROM REPORTS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1874.

SYNODS.	RESPECTIVE PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Churches.	No. of Communicants	PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.	TIME OF NEXT MEETING.	NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF STATED CLERKS.
Alabama, ...	East Alabama, South Alabama, Tuskaloosa,	46	110	6502	Mongomery, Ala.	Nov. 18, 7 p. m.	Robert Nall, D. D., Tuskegee, Ala.
Arkansas, ...	Arkansas, Indian, Ouachita,.....	35	78	3387	Sylvania, Ark.	Oct. 23, 11 a. m.	T. R. Welch, D. D., Little Rock, Ark.
Georgia,.....	Atlanta, Augusta, Cherokee, Florida, Macon, Savannah,.....	90	163	8161	Savannah, Ga.	Nov. 11, 7 p. m.	R. C. Ketchum, Atlanta, Ga.
Kentucky,.....	Central Ohio, Ebenezer, Hangchow, Louisville, Muhlenburg, Paducah, Transylvania, West Lexington,.....	88	135	8238	Louisville, Ky.	Nov. , 7½ p. m.	J. V. Logan, Harrodsburg, Ky.
Memphis,.....	Chickasaw, Memphis, North Mississippi, Tuscumbia, Western District, ...	71	129	6234	Bolivar, Tenn.	Nov. 4, 7 p. m.	R. R. Evans, Germantown, Tenn.
Mississippi, ...	Central Mississippi, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Orleans, Red River, Tombeckbee,	73	161	8161	Canton, Miss.	Nov. 18, 7 p. m.	R. McInnis, D. D., Oxford, Miss.
Missouri, ...	Lafayette, Missouri, Palmyra, Potosi, St. Louis, Upper Missouri,.....	67	141	8000	Mexico, Mo.	Oct. 13, 7½ p. m.	Jas. H. Brookes, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
Nashville,.....	Holston, Knoxville, Nashville, North Alabama, ...	63	115	7554	Bristol, Tenn.	Oct. 21, 7 p. m.	James Park, D. D., Knoxville, Tenn.
North Carolina,	Concord, Fayetteville, Mecklenburg, Orange, Wilmington,.....	94	206	15453	Concord, N. C.	Oct. 14, 7½ p. m.	Jacob Doll, Yanceyville, N. C.
South Carolina,	Bethel, Charleston, Harmony, South Carolina,.....	92	157	11033	Newberry, S. C.	Oct. 21, 7½ p. m.	Wm. Banks, Fort Mill, S. C.
Texas,.....	Brazos, Central Texas, Eastern Texas, Western Texas,.....	58	106	3681	Jefferson, Texas,	Nov. 5, 11 a. m.	R. F. Bunting, D. D., Galveston, Tex.
Virginia., ...	Abingdon, Chesapeake, East Hanover, Greenbrier, Lexington, Montgomery, Roanoke, Sao Paulo, West Hanover, Winchester,.....	191	263	19552	Winchester, Va.	Oct. 21, 7½ p. m.	J. P. Smith, Fredericksburg, Va.
		968	1764	105956			

GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

During the year ending April 1, 1874, *according to the foregoing Presbyterial Reports.*

Synods in connection with the General Assembly,	12
Presbyteries,	64
Ministers and Licentiates,	1056
Candidates for the ministry,	199
No. of Churches,	1,764
Licensures,	63
Ordinations,	45
Installations,	65
Pastoral relations dissolved,	35
Churches organized,	49
Churches dissolved,	10
Ministers received from other denominations,	5
Ministers dismissed to other denominations,	3
Members added on examination,	7,129
Members added on certificate,	3,429
Whole number of communicants,	105,956
Churches not reporting (exclusive of Synod of Missouri,)	78
Adults baptized,	2,017
Infants baptized,	4,249
Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes,	60,293

MONEYS CONTRIBUTED.

To Sustentation and Presbyterial Domestic Missions,	$55,986
To Foreign Missions,	28,958
To Education,	51,360
To Publication,	15,803
To Invalid Fund,	9,918
To Pastors' Salaries,	484,164
To Congregational purposes,	396,641
To Miscellaneous,	68,631
	$1,111,461

The following named Ministers are mentioned in the Presbyterial Reports as having died during the past year:

Thomas Smythe, D. D.,	Presbytery of	Charleston.
W. H. McGuffey, D. D., LL. D.,	"	West Hanover.
A. G. Hughes,	"	Orange.
S. A. Stanfield,	"	"
Philip Pierson,	"	Harmony.
Michael Dickson,	"	Central Texas.

N. W. Calhoun,	"	Lexington.
Wm. S. White, D. D.,	"	"
Nathaniel Hood,	"	South Alabama.
R. C. Smith,	"	Augusta.
D. H. Porter, D. D.,	"	Savannah.
J. J. Abernethy(Licentiate),	"	Louisville.
F. H. Bowman,	"	Memphis.
D. H. Cummins,	"	"
Timothy Root,	"	"
James Naylor,	"	North Missisippi.
Colin McKinney,	"	Western District.
S. C. Millen,	"	Concord.

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From 1861 to 1874.

1861. Rev. Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D., LL. D., Louisiana.
1862. Rev. John L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., North Carolina.
1863. Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D., Mississippi.
1864. Rev. John S. Wilson,* D. D., Georgia.
1865. Rev. George Howe, D. D., LL. D., South Carolina.
1866. Rev. Andrew H. Kerr, D. D., Tennessee.
1867. Rev. Thomas V. Moore,* D. D., Virginia.
1868. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D., LL. D., Mississippi.
1869. Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., Kentucky.
1870. Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D. D., LL. D., Virginia.
1871. Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., LL. D., South Carolina.
1872. Rev. Thomas R. Welch, D. D., Arkansas.
1873. Rev. Henry M. Smith, D. D., Louisiana.
1874. Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D., South Carolina.

Stated Clerks from 1861 to 1874.

1861. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
1865. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

Permanent Clerks from 1861 to 1874.

1861. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.
1865. Rev. William Brown, D. D.

* Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly. If they have no printed blanks, let the reports be made after the form on the opposite page. Blanks can always be obtained on application to the Executive Committee of Publication, without charge.

2. To make their Reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of figures.

3. To make them as accurate and full as possible. If, in any instance, churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their number of communicants should be inserted from their last report.

4. To report *no cents* in the money columns.

5. To *add up* each column of figures with care. Many still neglect this, and thus oblige the Clerk of the Assembly to do what they should do themselves.

6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the *number* of licensures, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organization of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.

7. To transmit their reports to the Stated Clerk, either at the meeting of the Assembly, or at Wilmington, N. C., *not later than the 20th day of May.*

☞Blank forms for *Sessional Reports*, or for any other purpose, are not furnished by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, but by the Executive Committee of Publication, without charge, by order of the Assembly of 1867 and 1874.

TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an Annual Report, stating the number of Presbyteries, Ministers, Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, within their bounds; and particularly all changes which have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. It is also their duty to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly a notice of the time and place of the meetings of their respective Synods.

FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of reports to the General Assembly that they consist of Ministers, and have under their care Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, viz.:

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Officers.		Communicants.			Baptized.			Funds Collected.									
			Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Exam.	Added on Certif.	Total of Com.	Adults.	Infants.	No. of Bap. Non-Com.	No. of Ch. in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Miss.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Salaries actually paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
A—— B——, P. &c. —10																				
Licentiates—3. D—— E——, &c.																				
Candidates—5.																				
		☞Add up, *omitting cents.*																		

☞ Follow the above with a statement of licensures, ordinations, installations, pastoral relations dissolved, churches organized or dissolved, or received or dismissed to other denominations, ministers received or dismissed to other denominations, or removed by death, since last Report.

Dated,—— *Signed,* ——— ———, *Stated Clerk.*

Give the *names* of licentiates, but only the *number* of candidates, without names. It is earnestly requested that the above order of columns may be strictly followed, and that the columns may all be carefully added up. To ministers who are pastors, annex P.; to stated supplies, S. S.; to Domestic Missionaries, D. M.; to Foreign Missionaries, F. M.; to Presidents of Colleges, Pres.; to Professors in Colleges or Theological Seminaries, Prof.; to Teachers, T.; to Agents Ag.; to Editors, Ed. To churches which have pastors, annex P.; to those which have stated supplies, S. S.; and to those which are vacant, V. Put the Post Office of each minister immediately contiguous to his name, and when the Post Office of the church served by him is the same with his own, put the name of the Post Office between that of the minister and the church. The Post Office of every church should be given. No minister's name should be opposite a vacant church.

☞ NOTE.—All collections for Home Missions ought to be placed under the head of "Sustentation." "Presbyterial" includes all moneys collected for Commissioners and Contingent Fund, and for all other purposes strictly connected with the current expenses of Presbyteries. Contributions in the congregation for Sabbath Schools shall be put under Congregational.

REPORTS OMITTED IN MINUTES.

The following Reports on Evangelistic Labour and Theological Seminaries were inadvertently omitted in their proper places in the Minutes, (see pp. 490, 494):

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC LABOUR.

The Committee on Evangelistic Labour respectfully submit to the General Assembly the following report, viz.:

Reports have been received from but thirty-two Presbyteries, two less than last year. The reports from some of these Presbyteries are vague, and unsatisfactory. But few of them give us the details of the work.

From these reports we gather the following facts: In some of the Presbyteries the work is carried on independently of the Executive Committee of Sustentation. In some Presbyteries there have been evangelists employed without much success; but in most Presbyteries where evangelistic work has been performed it has been attended with good results.

Some Presbyteries have performed evangelistic work by their own settled ministers: requiring them to perform a certain amount of this kind of service every year.

That the Church is far from realizing the great importance of this work, is evident from the fact that out of fifty-seven Presbyteries, twenty-five do not even take interest enough in this subject to send up reports; of the thirty-two Presbyteries which send up reports, eleven have no evangelists; and the entire contributions from our 1,584 churches, and 94,000 members, is less than seven thousand dollars; an average of a little over four dollars for each church, or about six and one-half cents per member. It is very manifest that this enterprise has not called forth the sympathies and the co-operation of the Church in proportion to its magnitude. There is much of this kind of work still to do. Almost all parts of the immense regions embraced within our vast territory send up earnest calls for faithful and able evangelists.

The office itself is one of Divine appointment, for when Christ ascended to heaven, among his gifts to his Church was the evangelist, no less than the pastor; and until the earth is filled with the knowledge of God, the need of evangelistic labour will not cease.

The nature of the work and office demands that the evangelist shall have pre-eminent gifts and graces. Presbyteries should therefore diligently and prayerfully seek out men qualified for this work, and call them to it. Nor will any progress in this matter be made until the dignity and importance of this office and work are recognised, and men acceptable to the people, whom every congregation will gladly hear, are called to be evangelists. Men broken down, either in strength or usefulness, are unfitted for the work. This office requires our very best men—men of experience and good judgment.

The great obstacle to the progress of this work is the want of money and suitable men. The cause has manifestly not taken hold of the sympathies of the Church so as to call forth contributions in proportion to the magnitude of the work.

In view of the whole subject, the Committee recommends the adoption by the General Assembly of the following resolutions, viz.:

1. That Presbyteries be enjoined to send up, each year, a report on the evangelistic work within their bounds, through the Presbyterial Committee of Sustentation, and that these reports be read in open Presbytery, before they are so forwarded.

2. That Presbyteries be advised to act in full co-operation with the Executive Committee of Sustentation, unless such co-operation should hinder the progress of the work within their bounds.

3. That Presbyteries be directed to take such action as will give to each of our churches an opportunity to contribute to this cause.

By order of the Committee,

W. K. MARSHALL, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries report that they have carefully read the Annual Report to the Assembly of the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary, and the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, together with all the accompanying documents.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

It is our pleasing duty to suggest that, in our judgment, the increase of the funds of this Seminary by the generous donation of $2,500 to found a Scholarship, by Mr. H. G. Guthrie, of Augusta county, Va., and their having proved amply sufficient to meet all the demands upon them; the addition to the library of more than 600 volumes; the attendance of a larger number of *new* students than in any previous year, and the "singularly exemplary" conduct of the whole body, indicate such an increasing and healthful prosperity in this venerable institution as to call for earnest thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA.

The increase of the Library of this Seminary, by the donation of 235 volumes from the Rev. Philip Pierson, deceased, and other smaller gifts from friends of the institution, amounting in all to 258 volumes; and the liberal bequest of the lamented Dr. Smythe, of Charleston, and the cordial execution of the same by his heirs, deserve special mention.

We record as matters of devout thanksgiving to God, the sustained increase of last year in the number of students in attendance; the providential preservation of the lives and health of the faculty and students; the commendable progress in study, and diligent improvement of opportunities, evinced by the examinations; the consecrating to the work of Foreign Missions of three of the graduating class; the confidence in the Professors and the increasing appreciation of them, and their peculiar fitness for their work, so emphatically expressed by the Board of Directors; and the almost perfect unanimity, which appears from the records, to have pervaded the Board of Directors in the decision of perplexing questions which claimed their consideration.

The Committee recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we approve of the action of the Faculty, in returning, after fair experiment of a change, to the former practice of withholding from the students permission to conduct services at places so distant as to interfere with the uninterrupted and successful prosecution of their proper work.

2. That we concur in the opinion of the Board of Directors that the sum of $940 borrowed from the endowment fund to meet the current expenses of the Seminary, should be replaced as early as possible; and in the firm conviction which they express of the necessity of keeping this fund intact; and we do hereby enjoin upon them, in future, this strict observance of this sacred trust.

3. That, expressing our entire approbation of the manner in which Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., has discharged the responsible duties as Professor in our Seminary, and, unwilling to lose his valuable services, we must, with the absence of reasons for offering it, decline to accept his resignation.

4. That we approve of the recommendation of the Board of Directors in regard to a change of the Constitution of the Seminary, which proposes that Articles 1 and 2 of section II of the Constitution, shall be as follows: The Board of Directors shall consist of a Treasurer and eleven other members, four of whom, at least, shall be Ruling Elders or Deacons or private members of the Church. Vacancies occurring, *ad interim*, it shall fill, if necessary. The members of this Board must all be resident within convenient distance of the Seminary, so as to insure their constant attendance at its meetings, and this Board shall meet regularly at the Seminary on the second Tuesday in June, at 8 o'clock P. M.

5. That the General Assembly hereby expresses its entire confidence in the Faculty of Columbia Seminary.

6. That the General Assembly respectfully recommends to the Faculty, that in the event services in the chapel be deemed desirable, the attendance on said services, on the part of Faculty and students, be voluntary.

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